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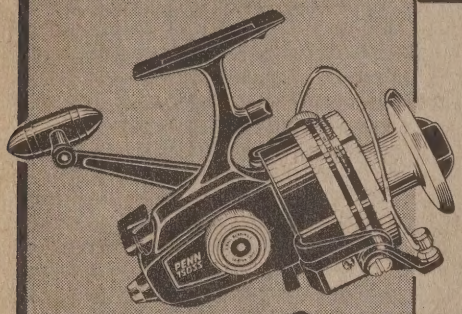

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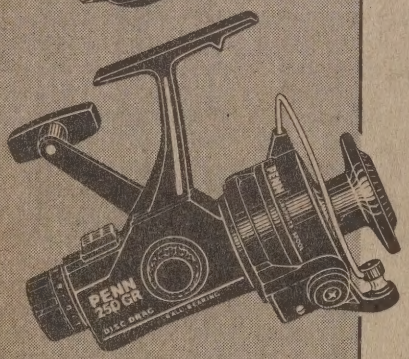

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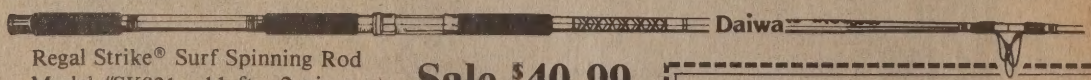

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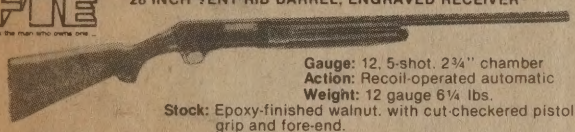

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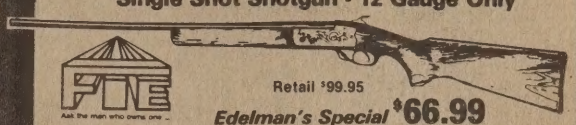

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MASTER ANGLER LOU TINTO

Lou Tinto is perhaps the most active volunteer for the 4-H Sport Fishing Program. Lou lives in Huntington and is an auditor by profession. Lou also makes custom fishing rods as a sideline.

Lou has been a big supporter of the 4-H Sport Fishing Camp, teaching young people basic angling skills. At one Sport Fishing Camp, Lou saved the day by coming prepared to catch blackfish. Under his guidance, nearly everyone caught a fish, while the previous day hardly a fish was caught.

Lou has taught two 6-week rod building classes for 4-H leaders and teens at the Cornell Cooperative Extension office in Plainview. He has scheduled a third class for this January.

Thanks to Lou Tinto for all the time has has volunteered to 4-H youth on Long Island!

CATCH MORE BLUEFISH WITH BLUEFISHING BY HENRY LYMAN

Chopper, slammer, *Pomatomus saltatrix*, "the mouth that swims." The names are legion, but for thousands of saltwater anglers they mean one thing: bluefish. Now there is one book to which all fishermen can turn to for important information about this prized fish: *Bluefishing* by Henry Lyman.

A revised and updated edition of Lyman's great *Successful Bluefishing*, This new book, complete with updated material on every aspect of fishing for blues, will be turned to again and again by those who love to fish for "the mouth that swims."

Fully illustrated, with over 50 photographs and line drawings, *Bluefishing* takes a detailed look at what successful bluefishermen need to know, including: Fishing from the surf, from jetties, from boats; Where to find bluefish; Natural history and feeding habits; What lures and baits to use; Tackle for the bluefisherman; Fly fishing for blues; and much, much more!

Bluefishing is the summation of years of saltwater angling experience. Even the expert will find it makes him a more knowledgeable and successful bluefisherman.

Henry Lyman is the former publisher of "Salt Water Sportsman" magazine and is the author of several books, including *Bottom Fishing* and *Striped Bass Fishing* (both with Frank Woolner). $16.95 hardcover. $8.95 paperback. 160 pages. With over 50 black and white photographs.

WILDFOWL CARVERS EXHIBIT THEIR TALENTS

The Long Island Wildfowl Carvers will present their 7th annual carving exhibition and art sale, featuring an exhibition of wildfowl carvings, decoys and paintings, on Saturday and Sunday, November 28th and 29th, from 10AM to 5PM at the American Legion Hall, Park Avenue, Amityville. Admission $2; children under 12 admitted free.

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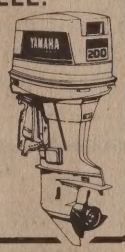

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Between 800 and 1200 visitors are anticipated. Vendors are invited to display their carving-related wares. Vendor's fee for the initial table is $50; each additional table, $25.

A raffle of several quality bird carvings will cap the show on Sunday afternoon.

Proceeds of the show will be used for winter wildlife feeding on Long Island.

For further information, call (516) 666-8521.

U.S.S. SAN DIEGO SURRENDERS NEW TREASURE

On October 8, 1987 the Research Vessel Wahoo, captained by Steve Bielenda ran a special expedition to the wreck of the U.S.S. San Diego. Aboard the Wahoo were some top East Coast wreck divers like Hank Keats, author of "Dive into History," Dan Berg, author of "Wreck Valley" and Shore Diver, Captain John Lachenmeyer, Hank Garvin, Rich Kolher and members of the Atlantic Wreck Divers Club. All were to participate in a dive to photograph, video and recover artifacts from a newly discovered storage room in the bow of this WW I Cruiser, which is now resting upside down in 110 feet of water.

The San Diego was originally commissioned the California in 1907. She was 503' 11" long by 69' 7" wide, and had a displacement of 13,680 tons. The warship's complement of artillery consisted of 3, 6 and 8 inch cannons.

On July 19, 1918 an explosion tore a huge hole in her port side. The San Diego sank within 28 minutes in an area known as Wreck Valley.

Back aboard the Wahoo, John Lachenmeyer entered the water and secured the anchor line to the wreck, he was soon followed by Dan Berg and Hank Keats. The three divers swam forward, then dropped down the starboard side to the location of a small corroded hole in the outer hull. They penetrated to the interior of the wreck, as was discussed in their dive plan. Hank reached into a small room and took some photographs as he backed off. Dan proceeded to video an intact supply room full of China, dishes, bowls and silverware. This was to be the only view of the China Room today. Divers pulling valued treasures from the silt covered floor reduced all visibility to zero. As fresh teams of divers swam down to the wreck lift bags were popping to the surface carrying mesh bags filled with china, silverware and lanterns.

Many of the artifacts recovered from the San Diego wreck are donated or displayed in local museums, decorate area dive shops, or are incorporated into slide shows, TV shows, and magazine articles, all aimed at increasing the public's interest in diving and shipwrecks.

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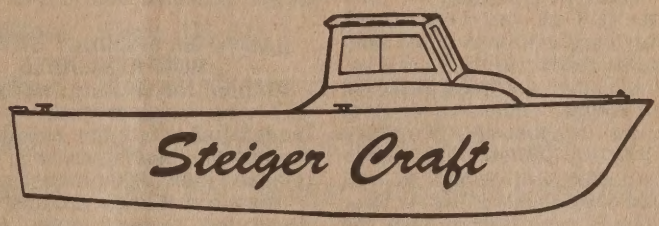

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Flotilla 11-5 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will once again hold their Boating Skills and Safety course. This is the longest and most practical 19 lesson course, geared to prepare the student for the new Auxiliary Coastal Piloting Course. This course is for the novice boat person, as well as those who would like to learn more. Eleven lecture type lessons take the student from boat handling through radio telephone communication. The last 5 lessons are devoted to the tabletop physical aspect of the actual course plotting on nautical charts. Upon completion of this course, the student is well versed in the art of safe boat handling. This course has all the material to prepare the student to take the Coast Guard six-pac license. The course starts on January 26, 1988 at the Diamond Point Y.C., located at 1350 Pearedgat Ave., in the Canarsie section in Brooklyn. Lessons will be given every Tuesday night from 8PM to 10PM. The course is free, except for a small fee charged to those persons receiving materials (our brochure will explain). After graduation, two post graduate lessons will be rendered which will explain Loran C, compass calibration on your boat and how to buy a safe boat. All graduated students will receive a handsome diploma which is supplied by the Coast Guard! To register or for the brochure, call Harry Frankel at (718) 266-0552, or write to him at 2069 85th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214.

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The 1988 show marks the second year the marine exhibition will be held in the new ultramodern convention center and, according to Frank Scalpone, managing director of the boat show, the new site has made a tremendous difference to both the exhibitors and the public.

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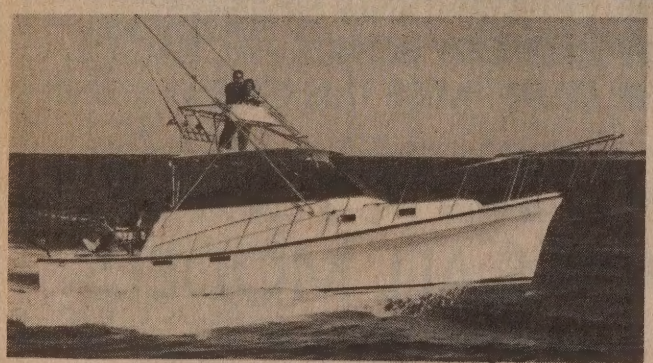

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BOATING "USER FEE" TAX REJECTED

By a vote of 287-119, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly scuttled a proposal by Rep. Silvio Conte (R-Mass.) to levy an annual "user fee' tax on all recreational boaters using the navigable waterways.

The vote, during consideration of the Coast Guard's FY 1988 Authorization bill, featured a spirited debate.

For the past three years, Rep. Conte has been on a crusade to convince Congress that boaters were getting a "free ride" from the Coast Guard. The "user fee" tax amendments, which singled out recreational boaters, would have cost them $120 million ($20 per boat) and totally ignored all other waterway users.

Recreational boating interests have waged annual battles against "user fee" proposals, on the grounds that the proposals were not user fees at all, but rather across-the-board taxes on people who own recreational boats for services the Coast Guard is not obliged to perform and for which many boaters would not even in a position to use because the Coast Guard simply has no presence in many parts of the country.

Boaters are already paying over $100 million a year in federal fuel taxes to support Coast Guard and state boating safety programs. The vast majority of assistance provided to boaters on the water comes from other boaters, state marine police and rescue units, the volunteer Coast Guard Auxiliary and commercial firms.

Proponents of Coast Guard "user fees' have long maintained that boaters are wealthy "fat cats" and can afford to pay a fee. A look at boating demographics dispels that myth. The average boater owns a 16 foot boat, pays federal marine fuel taxes and receives very limited or no services from the Coast Guard.

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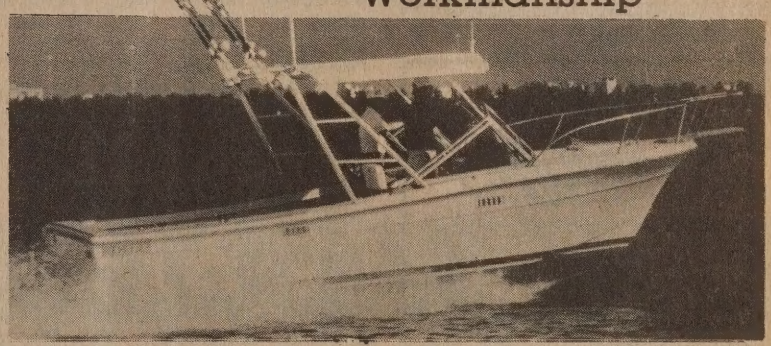

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Product Review

COOKBOOKS FOR ANGLERS

by Jim Capossela

The Seafood Cookbook, by Pierre Franey and Bryan Miller. Times Books, New York, NY. 296 pp. ill. 7½ x 9½ $22.50 hardcover. (Call 800-638-6460)

When I used to commute to Manhattan from my Westchester home, I rarely got home much earlier than 7PM. During that period of several years, I turned often to Pierre Franey's New York Times column, "The 60-Minute Gourmet" (and later to his books of that same name). Sure enough, reliably by 8PM I would have a lip-smacking good meal sitting between me and the television. The author or co-author of at least 10 books on cooking, Franey is a genuine food authority—and that is definitely not true of all people who write cookbooks. I am less familiar with Bryan Miller's work, but he, too, writes on food for the Times and is the author of a forthcoming book on restaurants in New York City.

The *Seafood Cookbook* is subtitled *Classic to Contemporary*, but I believe it is more the former than the latter. Yet the range of subjects and styles covered is impressive, so there is something here for everyone.

Chapters One and Two are "Buying and Storing Seafood" and "Handling Fish," respectively. In the second of these, there are numerous drawings showing how to clean both fish and shellfish. Again, the drawings are reasonably accurate and effective. After that, the book is chapterized mainly by cooking methods; that is, broiling, grilling, baking, deep-frying and so on. In this and other ways, then, this is not an innovative cookbook but a very, very solid one.

Of the last three chapters, "Sauces" comes first and it is an excellent chapter. Old standards such as Aioli, Gribiche and Mornay are given their day, but there are many less expected ones. The reader comes away especially eager to try "Red Pepper Mayonnaise" and "Fresh Ginger Vinaigrette." Following sauces is a short chapter on side dishes, then a very good chapter on wine selections. Finally, there is a most useful "Fish Profile Chart."

As for the recipes, rest assured that you will find all your favorite chowders, stews, deep-fries, and other favorites, many of them very simple and quick to prepare. Yet for the adventurous, there will also be no shortage of thrills. "Red Snapper with Goat Cheese and Uozo"..."Spicy Gazpacho with Shrimp and Crab Meat"..."Monkfish Fillets with Mustard Sauce": these are but a few of the fascinating and solid-looking (not gimmicky) treats between the covers of *The Seafood Cookbook*.

My one complaint with Franey in the past unfortunately stands here, and that is too many cream sauces (not too surprising from a classically trained chef). To be certain I wasn't picking on him, I counted the recipes in this book and noted how many called for heavy or light cream. Of the 210 total recipes, not counting side dishes or sauces, 57 of them used cream in their preparation. For decades, cookbooks were churned out with an eye towards fashion and taste far more than toward good nutrition. Nouvelle Cuisine, while sneeered at in classical cooking circles (usually with the fatuous argument that Nouvelle is derived from classical—as if all the changes and deletions didn't even matter) was at least a step in the right direction. I leave it to the reader to judge how much heavy cream is too much.

The Derrydale Cook Books of Fish and Game, by L.P. DeGouy. Reprinted by Willow Creek Press 1987. Orig. 1937. 330 and 308 pages resp. In hardcover only. Each $25 or set of two for $45. Add $1.50 shipping for one or both books. Willow Creek Press, P.O. Box 300, Dept NE, Wautoma, WI 54982; (414) 787-3005.

Sporting book fanciers and those who are old enough surely will remember the beautfiul Derrydale Press editions published between the late 1920s and the early 1940s. They were works of art, known especially for their high production quality including ornate covers and bindings. Today they draw top dollar from book collectors everywhere.

Willow Creek Press, which today is carrying on the tradition of high quality sporting literature, has just reprinted as a set two of these old classics: *The Derrydale Fish Cook Book* and the *Derrydale Game Cook Book*. They are available in hardcover only, and each features a special attractive cloth cover with a generous amount of gold imprinting.

The Derrydale Fish Cook Book is an

exhaustive work, containing some 475 recipes. It is essentially classical French, but it is broad-based enough to include much other continental fare as well as a generous dose of cuisine Americain. It doesn't cover *every* species, but there isn't much that is missing, either. Where else, for example, will you find six different recipes for Sheepshead? Or eleven different recipes for eel? Or twelve different ones for whiting? The book also includes as many or even more recipes for shellfish: 14 for crab (including all the classics like Deviled, Mornay, Imperial), more than 20 for lobster, even 9 for crayfish. If you can believe it, there is a roster of 91 sauces for fish! Another noteworthy feature of this encyclopedic work is the treatment given to lesser known or less popular critters, such as pickerel, skate, tuna, turbot and turtle. For the more practical Long Island based angler/cook, there are a great many formulas for blackfish, flounder, striped bass, bluefish and so on.

As many recipes as there are packed between the covers of this book, there also is no shortage of sidebar material. Both beginning and experienced chefs will like the illuminating information on the various methods of fish cookery, i.e., boiling, braising, frying and so on. There are sections on making broths and stocks, not to mention chowders and stews. The preparation of at least a dozen and a half cocktails (crab, loster, etc.) is included, as is the making of some 24 "compound butters" useful in fish cookery. Further, there is discussion of marinades, measurements and equivalents, forcemeats and stuffings, and God only knows what I haven't yet discoverd in this rather remarkable cook book.

There are no illustrations. Also, the ingredients are not listed separately at the top of the recipe as is true in most cook books. Some will not like this format, but it is because these things are missing that so many recipes can be fit in. I believe there is as much information here as you would find in two more typical cookbooks of the same length.

The companion volume, the *Derrydale Game Cook Book*, was written by the same chef (his dates were 1869-1947). It is just as exhaustive, witness the 51 recipes JUST for special drinks to accompany game dinners.

Needless to say, one or both of these books would make an excellent Christmas present for some very esteemed cook on your shopping list. Note that specialized books like these will not necessarily be found in all bookstores, perhaps in no bookstores near you. A good tactic is to call a publisher to find out the name of a dealer near you who stocks the book you're interested in. Or, order direct, including the necessary postage and requesting UPS delivery in time for Christmas. Most publishers will make every effort to get the books to you on time.

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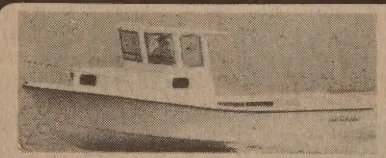

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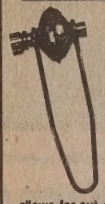

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by Ken Freel

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Dear Doc,

I am a fluke fisherman during the summer. I fish from a boat and seem to do fairly well as compared to other fishermen, but would like a few tips to help me improve my catch next year. I often run into a problem when my leader runs up my line. Should my leader be the same test as my line or heavier or lighter? Thank you.

Murray H. Goldsmith.

Dear Murray,

Yes. First of all the leader line should be heavier than the line which is spooled in the reel. The end section of any line takes the most abuse especially when fishing off of the bottom.

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few feet usually works fine. By casting out, you put the sinker and the line on a slant as it feeds from the reel and heads to the bottom. The angle that the cast creates is usually sufficient to prevent the leader from becoming wrapped with the line. The leader and hook will still tail up over the descending sinker but the angle of the line going back to the rod will be below it and off to the side instead of straight up. Try the special mono leader from the tubes and the short cast out from the side of the boat and let me know how you make out. Thanks for writing.

Dear Doc,

I'm cleaning my rods for the winter and want to polish them with a wax. Is this recommended? One of my buddies said the wax will eat into the epoxy finish on the wraps.

John Burns.

Dear John,

The wax will not harm the windings or the finish in any way. I clean my rods with a soft cloth and a spray cleaner like Fantastic or Spray Nine to remove dirt, fish slime and blood. After the rod is completely dried, I apply a liquid wax like Turtle Wax and buff to high gloss. The wax helps prolong the life of the rod and since blood, scales and fish slime can't stick to the wax, cleanups during the fishing season are much easier.

A wax coating applied to the guides and reel seat will also protect the metal parts of the rod, too. Don't overdo it, though. Too much wax can look as bad as no wax, just like a kitchen floor. One or two coats per season are all that is needed.

Dear Doc,

I have been trying unsuccessfully to obtain a copy of "San Francisco Bay Stripers," by Abe Cuonang. I believe it is published by California Angler. Can you tell me if it is still available and by whom and how much? Thank you. *Frank T. Abbate, Jr.*

Dear Frank,

I called information out in San Francisco and had the cooperative operators search for a phone number for California Angler with the hope of getting you the information on the book. Unfortunately, there was no listing found.

There is a fine book on striped bass fishing by Frank Woolner and Henry Lyman called "Striped Bass Fishing." This book covers the techniques and tackle needed to take this prized game fish on all coasts. This fine book is 192 pages long and costs $18.95 in hardcover; $11.95 soft cover, from Ocean Sport Fishing, 1620 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742; (201) 295-1370. Or from Salt Water Sportsman, 186 Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111.

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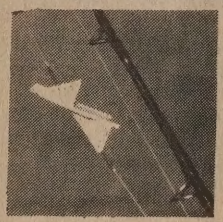

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by Eric Burnley

Most of us have put our boats away for the season and we won't be active on the water until next spring. I don't know about you, but I miss the boating almost as much as I miss the fishing.

There is one way to get back into a boating frame of mind over the winter and help yourself in the process. Join one of the many boating classes sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadrons or private individuals. These courses can help you run a safer ship and they will increase your knowledge of things nautical.

Please do not feel that because you took a safe boating course ten years ago that you don't need any more education. As I found out this past summer, the Rules of the Road have changed considerably with the Colregs and a review is definitely in order.

You should consider a course on coastwide navigation that would include compass, radar and Loran operation. I feel there are still a lot of folks out there who would be completely lost if they ever lost sight of land.

Those of you who plan to run your boat for charter should look into the various courses run by private companies and teach you everything you must know before taking the Coast Guard test. There have been some changes made recently in this area and you may wish to call the Sea School at 1-800-237-8663 to find out the requirements for the different class licenses.

If you are involved with the Coast Guard Auxiliary or the Power Squadrons and you would like this magazine to run the times and dates for your safe boating course, please drop a line to the editor who covers your area. We have a six week deadline for this type of information, so please don't wait until the last minute or your notice may not run.

Dear Eric,

You have mentioned in the past how important it is to have a good compass on your boat. I bought and had installed a name brand compass on my new boat last spring. I also have a Loran which I am learning how to use.

My problem seems to be keeping the boat, a 22 foot center console, on a steady course. It acts like the compass has a mind of its own bouncing around from 10 to 15 degrees depending on how rough the sea is on any given day.

What am I doing wrong? *Art Boyer.*

Dear Art,

If you look at the way a compass is made you may understand why it seems to move around when you are under way.

The compass card which has the numbers and the points of the compass printed on it is mounted on a pivot and this pivot is attached to the bottom of the compass bowl. On the underside of the compass card are magnets which align the card on a north/south line. The bowl is filled with a light oil to dampen the vibrations caused by boat movement and to keep the card on as flat a plane as possible.

You mount this compass on your boat aligned with the center line. The lubber line on the compass must be directly parallel to the center line or your headings will be false.

The lubber line on the compass now moves with the center line of the boat. This means the boat's heading is always the same as the compass lubber line. The card always lines up on a north/south axis so the boat actually moves under the card and the heading is read opposite the lubber line. This lubber line is normally marked on the compass in yellow or red.

When running a big displacement hull on a flat calm day the compass should be rock steady. When running a planing hull over a three foot chop you will find the compass moves about.

The vibration caused by the boat hitting the waves is one reason for this movement, but the fact that the boat is constantly changing course as it bounces along is the primary cause of your problem. If you don't think the boat is changing course, try holding the wheel amidships and let the boat go where it wants. I promise you it will not want to go towards the original heading. You may not have to steer your car unless you want to turn, but a boat requires constant attention to the helm.

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your answer to my question concerning depth-fish finders. I now have a much better idea of what to look for and how to select the proper unit for my boat.

I also found a good deal of information in your Product Review on the

Bottom Line. I have written them for additional information and told them where I read about their product.

Keep up the good work.

C. John Boyce.

Dear John,

Thanks for the kind words. It is people like you who take the time to write us that keeps the column interesting. We would like to hear from more of you and we answer all letters even if they don't show up in print.

Dear Eric,

Is it possible to install any type of live bait tank in a 14 foot Starcraft boat? I like to fish for big summer flounder and weakfish using live spot, snapper blues or other baits, but there is very little room in my boat for a tank. I currently use a five gallon bucket with holes drilled all around it. I keep it over the side and it holds a few baits, but I would like to rig up something better. *Tony Frio.*

Dear Tony,

You can rig a cooler/live well or you can use a commercial live well such as the ones made by The Caddy Company, 57 Bayonne Ave., Dept. E, Central Islip, NY 11722; (516) 234-0144.

The best place to mount your live well is forward of amidships. I had my 86 quart Igloo cooler mounted between the first and second seat. I kept it in place with bungee straps and ran the pump with a marine deep cycle battery mounted in the bow.

The Caddy Company units are round and come in various sizes. You could probably get the smaller models into the area between the seat and the bow, but for the size baits you use a larger model mounted between the first and second seats will work best. The battery can go in the bow.

The cooler/live well is easy to make. Take a 300 GPH bilge pump, a piece of PVC pipe and some hose to connect the pump to the pipe. Drill a row of 1/4 inch holes down the pipe and cap the end. I hang the pipe from 40 to 50 pound line attached to the cooler's hinge; other anglers attach the pipe with clamps. Run the lead wires to the battery and you are ready to drop in the baits.

The Caddy Company will sell you a rig complete with pump, plumbing and wiring. Their tanks are round and keep some baits such as bunker in better condition than a square cooler.

When you put the live well in your boat you must secure it as well as possible. Fifty or sixty gallons of water can shift around and cause all sorts of problems in a 14 foot aluminum boat. A flat floor will help and several good, strong bungee cords can keep things in place. A more permanent installation is possible by building brackets to hold the live bait well, but you may find these a bit of a problem when the tank is not in the boat.

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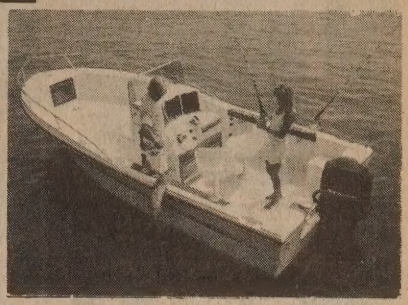

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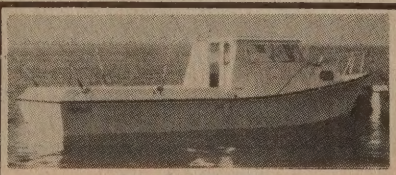

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Striped Bass Fishery Management Board met on October 20, 1987 at the Commission's 46th Annual Meeting. No change was made from the Commission's present recommendation for a 33 inch coastal size limit on striped bass.

Under the provisions of the Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Striped Bass and its amendment #3, the Commission's member states from Maine to North Carolina are required to review the annual reproductive success of striped bass from Chesapeake Bay which historically contributed the majority of bass comprising coastal migratory stocks. The Commission's striped bass plan recommends that the states prevent directed fishing mortality on at least 95 percent of the 1982 year class females, and females of all subsequent year classes of Chesapeake Bay stocks until 95 percent of these fish have had the opportunity to spawn at least once. This objective is intended to apply to the fisheries until Maryland's striped bass young-of-the-year index attains a 3-year running average of 8.0. The Maryland 1987 striped bass juvenile index was reported as 4.8. Previous Maryland indices for 1985 and 1986 have been 2.9 and 4.1 respectively. These findings make the most recent 3-year running average for Maryland's juvenile index 3.9. Therefore, the Commission's Striped Bass Plan's Amendment #3 continues to remain in effect.

In addition to reviewing Maryland's status of striped bass production, the

Striped Bass Board also received reports on reproductive success from other areas. Maine reported finding some fingerling striped bass in its Kennebeck River system. These fish are thought to be the first successful spawn from previously stocked striped bass in that river system. New York reported that the 1987 Hudson River striped bass juvenile production was extremely good with its juvenile index surpassing all previous levels recorded since the Hudson River monitoring program's inception in 1979. New Jersey reported finding increasing evidence of an existing Delaware River striped bass stock that seems to be expanding its population. Virginia reported finding very high reproductive success in its rivers of lower Chesapeake Bay. On the other hand, North Carolina reported very poor juvenile production for its Roanoke River-Abermarle Sound striped bass stock.

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Two new studies being carried out on striped bass by Maryland and Rhode Island fisheries scientists have reported preliminary findings that the 1982 year class female striped bass will begin spawning at ages 4 through 8 (22 to 39 inches). The original estimate for their age at maturity, or first spawning, was 4 to 6 years (22 to 37 inches). The Striped Bass Board has instructed its Scientific and Statistical Committee to investigate the implications of a slower than expected maturity rate on projecting population recovery rates for Chesapeake Bay stocks. Also, this Committee will monitor the progress and final conclusions of the ongoing maturity studies. No new recommendations beyond state management actions, already in place this time, were recommended.

A slower than expected maturation rate for Chesapeake Bay striped bass may result in a slower recovery for that stock. However, a significant number of fish from the '82 year class should spawn next spring at age six. It is hoped that this increase in spawning population size will result in increased juvenile production within the next few years. The catch of striped bass in the existing limited fisheries on this species will be closely monitored by the Commission's Striped Bass Board. This will be carried out on a continuing basis in order to ensure that Chesapeake stocks of striped bass will be allowed to survive in significant numbers to produce adequate spawn for a sustained and continued recovery of that stock.

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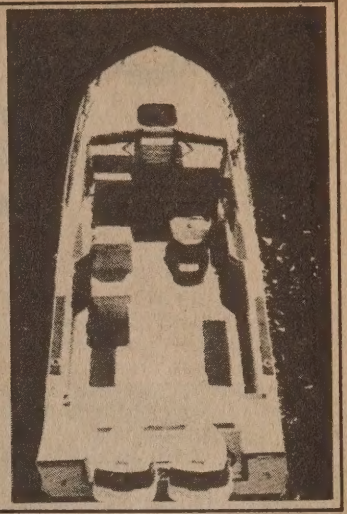

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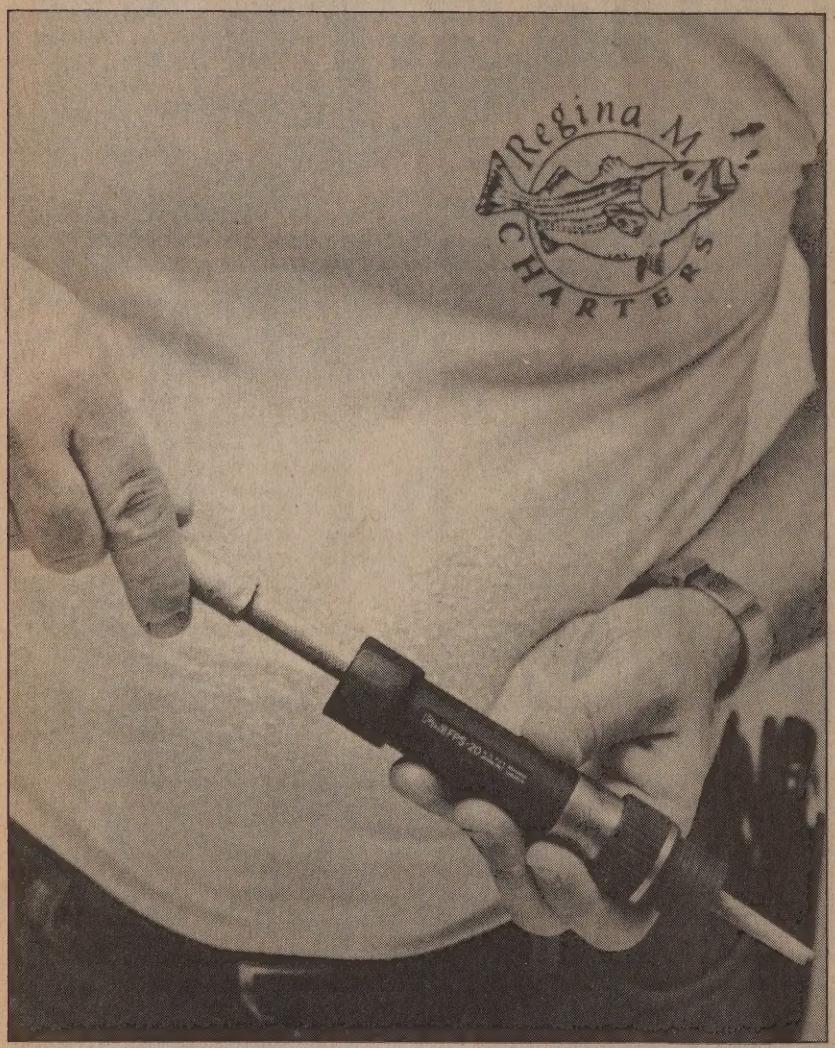

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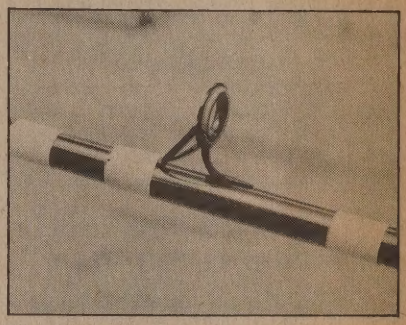
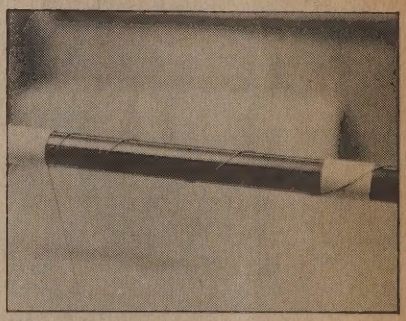


Measuring length of underwrap.



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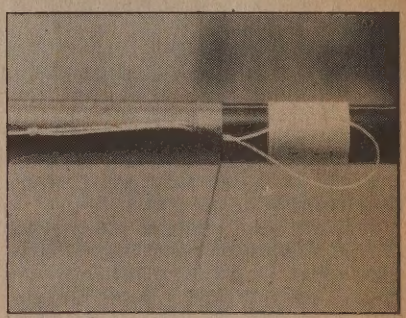

Finishing off the underwrap.

Whenever you build a rod start at the butt end (rear) and work your way to the tip. The first step is to wrap some 1/2 inch wide masking tape around the butt end of the blank thick enough to act as a stop for the rear grip. This also creates some space at the rear end of the blank for the butt cap which will be added later on. If necessary later on the diameter of the blank can be built up with masking tape for a better fit and then the butt cap is epoxied into place. Now measure 12 inches up from the edge of the masking tape and mark the blank. Immediately before you are ready to slide the rear grip into place, mix some two-part slow drying epoxy and spread it all around the circumference of the blank between the masking tape stop and your mark. A popsicle stick or scrap of wood makes an excellent mixing stick. Now lubricate the whole blank in front of where the grip is to go with the type of soap that auto mechanics use to get the grease off their hands. It's sold under a variety of trade names (like "Goop") and makes a great lubricant to grease the blank so you can easily slide your grips into place. Once the blank is well lubricated, apply the epoxy and force the rear grip into place. You'll be surprised at how easy it is to position. Invariably, soap and epoxy will ooze out from underneath the grip. Acetone and plenty of paper towels will clean up the excess epoxy easily enough, if you do it before the epoxy starts to set.

Once the rear grip is epoxied into place, you can begin working on

mounting your reel seat. For this rod we've selected a lightweight Fuji graphite reel seat complete with trigger grip for the job. Be advised that there are some generic graphite reel seats on the market that look a lot like the Fuji reel seat selling for a few pennies less, but avoid them like the plague. The threads and tracks on these cheaper reel seats are not cut deep enough to hold your reel securely. So don't buy a graphite reel seat unless it says "Fuji" on it in big gold letters! We've always felt more comfortable with a trigger grip reel seat, so we opt for that type of seat whenever we build a conventional rod. A size 20 reel seat fitted with masking tape bushing will do nicely.

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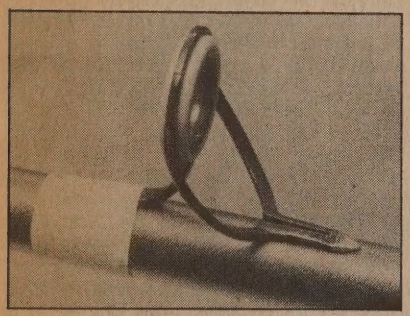
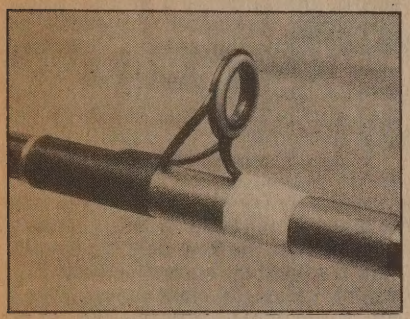


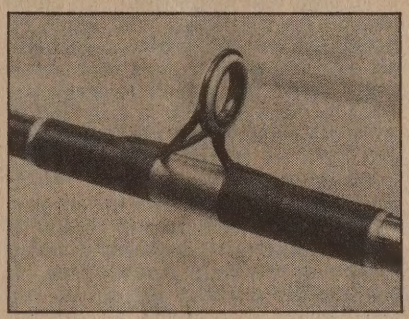
Guide in place over underwrap.



One foot with overwrap.

weight rod, you can use plain, ordinary masking tape to make the bushings that hold the reel seat in place. First clean the blank with acetone and mark the length of the reel seat on the blank. You'll need three bushings to support the reel seat. Wrap some masking tape tightly around the blank about 1/2 inch in front of the rear grip. Build up the diameter of this bushing until the reel seat fits snugly over the bushing. Make the other two bushings the same way. One should be located in the middle of the seat, and the other about 1/2 inch behind the front edge of the reel seat. The correct fit is extremely important here. These bushings must be tight enough to lock the reel seat into place, yet there must be enough room for a thin layer of epoxy between the bushing and seat. You can tell if you have the right fit if the epoxy gets sucked up under the reel seat when you slide it into position. After you're done with the bushings, take a round file and rough up the interior surfaces of the reel seat a bit. Likewise, do the same to the bare rod blank between the bushings. Then liberally coat the tape bushings and the rod blank with the same slow drying, two-part epoxy that you used before. Line up the reel seat so the hoods are directly on top of the strong side of the spline (where you marked the blank before) and slide it snugly in place. Now you can epoxy the fore grip in place (with the tapered end forward), the same way you mounted the rear grip. Clean up the excess epoxy with acetone. Remember to keep epoxy out of all the threads on the reel seat! Check the alignment one more time and set the blank aside to dry overnight.

Now that your grip is done, the next step is to figure out the spacing of your guides. The operation entails determining how many guides you'll need and how far apart they should be. Since this can a little tricky for the novice, we've already gone to the trouble of computing this for you. However, you should know the theory behind our computations. The guides have to funnel the line from your reel down the blank, and at the same time, they have to keep the line off the blank when the rod is flexed to its limit. The only way to do this correctly is by trial and error. You have to mount the reel you're going to use on the rod. Temporarily tape the tiptop in



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place. With masking tape, again temporarily tape the first smallest guide in place. Usually the first guide is about three inches from the tip. Thread your line through this guide and the tiptop and secure it to a heavy object. Now flex the blank like you're fighting a big fish. Don't be afraid to apply a lot of pressure, you won't break the blank. Now see if the line touches the blank anywhere between the tip and the first guide. If it does, move the guide closer to the tip until the line doesn't rub the blank. Do this with every guide until you are sure the line doesn't touch the blank while it's under pressure. Increase the distance between each guide proportionally as you go down the blank. Usually the butt guide should end up between 18 to 22 inches from your reel. Spacing the guides correctly is the only way to get the blank to perform the way it was designed to.

We feel that the Fuji BNHG Hard Speed Casting Aluminum Oxide guides are the lightest, strongest guides for your money and are the best guides for this rod. You'll need 7 guides altogether: 2 #8s, 2 #10s, 2 #12s and 1 #16 guide along with the number 8 tiptop. Space the first guide 4 inches from the tip. The second one 8 inches from the tip. The third 13 inches from the tip. The fourth 19 inches from the tip. The fifth 27 inches from the tip and the sixth, 36 inches from the tip. Finally, the seventh guide should be located 47 inches from the tip of the blank. The spacing should be determined by measuring the distance from the tip and putting a pencil mark on the blank. The ring of the guide should go directly above your pencil mark. Although the spacing pattern we're recommending should be correct, give us the benefit of the doubt (taking into account slight variations from blank to blank) and tape your guides in place as mentioned earlier. Flex the blank and adjust any guides if necessary before proceeding any further.

Once you are satisfied that your guides are spaced correctly, it's time to start wrapping your blank. This is a two step process which necessitates first underwrapping the blank and then finally wrapping the guides on the blank. You'll want to underwrap most of your rods for two reasons. The most important reason being that the underwrap protects the blank from the constant flexing and grinding action of the guides' on the bare blank. The constant flexing of the blank under stress would actually grind the foot of a guide right into the blank gradually destroying it. The underwrap will prevent this. Underwraps also add color to the wrap design. This is purely a cosmetic touch, but a good color coordinated wrap design adds a nice touch to the overall appearance of a custom rod.

Plan on wrapping this rod with "D" or "E" size thread. Generally, size "A" thread is only used on ultralight rods and fly rods. It's much too delicate a thread to use on a multi-purpose rod such as this. Rod winding thread comes in two types: the regular thread that has a glossy surface, and "NCP" thread that has a dull matte like finish. "NCP" stands for No Color Preserver, which means that you can, in theory at least, eliminate color preserving your rod before you apply your clear epoxy finish. If you use the regular non-NCP type thread, however, you will have to use a few coats of color preserver to stabilize the dyes used for color in the production of the thread. As a rule, though, we always color preserve our thread whether we use NCP thread or not.

We usually prefer to underwrap our rods with a light colored NCP type thread and wrap over it with a darker, glossy non-NCP type thread. This glossy over matte design gives your wraps a unique three-dimensional look that our customers find quite pleasing. A good time to mark the length of your underwraps is while your guides are still temporarily taped in place. The length of the finished underwrap will be left entirely up to

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you. What we usually do is to start with the smallest guide near the tip and measure off, says 1/4 from the end of each foot. Now wrap some tape around the blank here to mark the length of the underwrap and serve as a stop for winding your thread. This will determine the length of the underwrap for a guide that size. When it's time to underwrap a bigger guide, we may measure off maybe 3/8 of an inch from each foot of every guide that size, and so on, gradually increasing the length of each underwrap proportionally to the size of the guide. Feel free to make your underwraps as short or as long as you like. Thread work design is the most creative part of rod building, so you let your individual tastes decide. But please, if you wrap your rod fluorescent green over hot pink, don't say you read it in The Fisherman!

When you start underwrapping, the most important thing to keep in mind is that you start at the end of the wrap that will enable you to wrap uphill. You'll want to start on the side nearest the tip and wrap towards the butt. This will help keep your threads together and will result in a smoother, more professional looking wrap. Once again, we'd advise you to practice underwrapping on an old rod or section of blank or wooden dowel until you get the hang of it.

To start your underwrap, put some tension on the thread and begin by taping the end of the thread opposite the side you want to start your underwrap. Spiral the thread towards the masking tape (used as a stop and to mark the beginning of the underwrap) and butt the thread up against the masking tape and wrap the thread over itself. Continue this for about 5 turns and make sure the thread is caught under those 5 wraps! Keeping tension on the wrap, pull the tape off the end of the thread and cut the tag end. Continue wrapping by winding the thread up the blank either manually or by power winding. The trick is to keep the right amount of tension on the thread and the wraps together. Make sure you have no spaces between the threads or any overlaps. The easiest way to accomplish this is to keep the thread coming from the spool at an angle towards the previous wrap so that each wrap is tight against the previous one. About 5 turns before you reach the end of the underwrap, take another piece of thread or light monofilament line and tie a loop in it about an inch or so long. It might be more convenient to tie this loop beforehand! Stick the knotted loop under the next wrap of thread, with the loop hanging out over the end of the underwrap. Keep wrapping over the loop until you come to the masking tape defining the other end of the underwrap. Cut the end of the thread but be sure to leave some excess. Tuck the end of the thread into the loop. Pull the loop under and through the wraps, pulling the excess thread with it. Hold the tag end tight and carefully cut it close to the underwrap with a single-edged razor blade or X-Acto knife. If you have any thread sticking out from underneath the wrap, carefully singe it with the flame of a cigarette lighter. Finish underwrapping the rest of your rod the same way. Once you've mastered the art of the underwrap, you've conquered the most difficult feat in rod building. So relax and take a break; you deserve it! You'll be happy to know that wrapping guides involves basically the same manipulations you just suffered through. So if you got this far, the rest will be a piece of cake!

By now I hope you've got the hang of what goes into underwrapping a rod. It's also good practice for the next logical step, wrapping the guides. But before you tape a guide in place, it has to be prepared for wrapping. It's a simple enough task; all you have to do is bevel the edges of the feet on the guide so they will be easier to wrap with thread. We use a grinding wheel but you can accomplish the same thing with a hand file, although it will be a little more time consuming. The reason you want to go through all this is so that your thread will be able to make the smooth transition from the flat surface of the blank, up and over the foot of the guide. After the edges are beveled you'll have to dress them with some medium grit sandpaper. Remember to smooth the edges as well as the bottom of each foot. They have to be smooth to the touch without any rough edges. Once all your guides are prepared, it's finally time to start wrapping them in place.

Start with your butt guide. Place it in the middle of the undewrap and tape one foot of the guide temporarily in place. Now sight down the blank from behind the reel seat and make sure it's lined up correctly. Make any adjustments if necessary. Once you're happy with the positioning of the guide start wrapping! This is done by utilizing the same techniques you acquired by underwrapping, except that you leave a small ring of the underwrap uncovered which functions as a trim ring and really sets off the colors of the wrap against the blank. A conscientious rod builder will endeavor to keep all the trim rings the same width. Just be careful when you have to start wrapping your thread around the beveled edge of the guide foot. Keep this as smooth as possible with no overlaps! Also make sure you trim the excess thread as close as possible when you finish off the wrap. Don't forget your trusty cigarette lighter to singe the end of the thread. These few tips will go a long way in assuring you a neat professional looking wrap. Now proceed with the wrapping of the rest of your guides. When all the guides are wrapped in place, put the rod in a vise and check the alignment of the guides one more time. If you used the right amount of tension while wrapping the guides in place that should allow for a little final adjustment where necessary.

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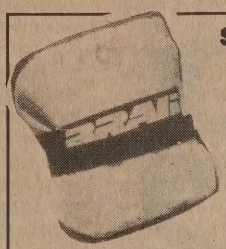

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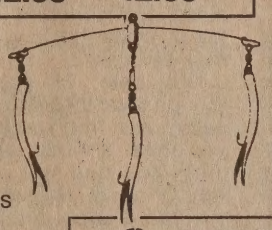

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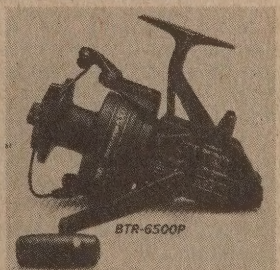

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The Winter King

By Matt Ahern

I don't know your thoughts about it, but to me the cod is king, and has been since the day I decked my first one—sort of love at first bite, one might say. The celestial Time Clock tells me this event occurred over 60 years ago. I can't believe it, this passing of all those years. But I know it is true, and I've got the scars of life to prove it.

Now why do I feel as I do about cod?

I don't know. Perhaps its size intrigues me, perhaps it is the fellowship of those fishermen who feel as I do, for certainly I must admit they are a breed unto themselves. But whatever it is, it's there. I know this thrill of anticipation as each cod season approaches will never leave me—ever.

A minute ago I said the cod's size intrigues me—and well it should, for the largest cod recorded weighed 211¼ pounds and measured over six feet in length—which as any sinker bouncer will agree, is some codfish! But the amazing thing is that when this monster was first hatched from an egg 1/25 of an inch in diameter, it was a mere 1/8 inch long. How such a fish can survive the rigors of the sea to eventually attain such an enormous size is a tribute to the cod's inherent ruggedness.

This great cod was captured in 1885 by commercial dory fishermen off the coast of northern Massachusetts. Although the chances of another like it are slim indeed, hope forever springs in the breast of every dedicated codfisherman, and one never knows when this long-standing record may be broken.

Cod over 75 pounds are rare, though occasionally one is reported as being over this weight. Fifty and 60 pounders are not uncommon, and many cod this size are caught each year. For us fellows, however, the average is about 8 to 10 pounds. But this means nothing to the dedicated codfisherman. He knows his next cod may easily tip the scales somewhere in the 30 and 40 pound range.

Let's dig a little deeper into the life style of the Atlantic cod.

Our friend is the roamer of the sea; its range is extensive. It is found on both sides of the North Atlantic Ocean, in water from 6 to 1,500 feet, depending upon area fished and time of year. Large catches are often made from the northern reaches of the Barnets Sea, all around the coasts of Iceland, the southern coast of Greenland, thence along the coastlines of Canada and the United States, and here it reaches as far south as North Carolina.

West and south of Montauk, New York, cod are available only during winter. However, because of a freakish drift of the Labrador Current, Montauk supports a large commercial and sport fishing industry for cod twelve months a year. (For fishermen who dislike cold weather fishing, here's an opportunity to connect next summer.)

The cod's color is variable, and this depends upon the bottom it inhabits. Most cod have some shade of green, but they can also be gray, gray-black, black, red-brown, or bright red. (As a boy during the winter of 1928 I caught a rose-colored cod while fishing New Jersey's 17-Fathom Bank. It was the most beautiful fish I'd ever seen, before and since, and if it hadn't been suffering the "bends," I'd have returned it to the sea. If only we had color photography those days.) The sides and backs of cod are sprinkled with green, brown, or reddish irregular spots, usually of one color on any one fish. These spots sometimes extend to the dorsal fins. The lateral line, the long slender line running the length of the fish along the side, is always of a pale hue, as is the stomach. Fins are usually the same color as the fish.

Cod have a tapered, streamlined shape, with a heavy, broad, nearly square tail. A small chin barbel, which is always equal to the diameter of the eye, is one of the outstanding characteristics of cod. It has a large, heavy head and is possessed with a gaping mouth, containing small, pointed teeth that lie in bands. The teeth of the outer row of the upper jaw, and the inner row of the lower jaw, are somewhat enlarged. Its upper jaw and snout projects slightly. The dorsal fins are always three in number; the anal fins, two. These are soft-rayed, containing no spines. Scales are small and round.

A cod grows rapidly only during its early life, reaching approximately two feet in length when three years of

age, at which time it spawns for the first time. It may be noted that European cod grow much slower than those in the western Atlantic, averaging but a foot at the end of three years. Cod in the Bay of Fundy are in-between, reaching about 20 inches at three years.

But luckily for us local fishermen, the fast growers are the ones that arrive each winter along the Long Island South Shore and down throughout New Jersey and the surrounding areas. These cod are known to migrate from Massachusett's Nantucket Shoals. This, plus their faster rate of growth, is thought to be due to the available food supply. (This, however, is not certain.) It is also known that Nantucket cod are the only ones that migrate. Cod found on the Grand Bank and Georges Bank maintain a year-round residency.

When life begins for a cod it is but a mere speck on the vast North Atlantic. Depending upon size, each female cod spawns from three to ten million eggs. (Some fishery scientists believe it is higher than this!) When we fishermen consider the millions of parent fish, the total amount of cod eggs spawned each winter is beyond reasoning power. Unquestionably, most infant cod perish due to adverse weather conditions, or serve as food for other fish.

For successful spawning, a temperature of 47 degrees is necessary. This must remain consistent for ten or eleven days. Higher temperatures shorten the incubation period, lower ones lengthen it. No doubt this is a critical period, for if hatched too far above or below the needed 47 degrees, the fry become weak and are unable to cope with the rugged requirements of the open sea. This is probably the reason commercial catches (and ours) fluctuate so drastically from year to year.

For instance, in 1880, American commercial fishermen landed 294 million pounds for a record catch, and in succeeding years it had fallen to under 40 million pounds. But Nature can't be blamed entirely for this. Without question, the introduction of the very efficient otter trawl has helped decimate the cod supply. And bear in mind that our late, departed, "detente-happy" foreign fishing fleet raped our piece of the sea to a fare-thee-well. It takes time to recover from such idiotic action.

For a cod to maintain that large body, it must have an enormous appetite. And it certainly does.

Forage foods consist of rock crabs, sea clams (skimmers), large sea worms, which are seldom seen in their natural state, lobsters, all kinds of small fish, then on to sand eels, squid and young herring (which is a cod tip worth remembering, for this is what the old-time commercial set liner always used for bait). All this in addition to anything that will fit into its gaping mouth. Cod are voracious and will attack anything—edible or not.

Many foreign objects found in the stomachs of cod are indeed weird. These include pieces of metal, wood, rope, rubber, bits and pieces of clothing, small toys (my buddy Artie Leidecker once opened a cod and found a child's rubber doll about ten inches long), empty cigarette packs, old-time flat tobacco tins, brass bases of broken light bulbs, and last but not least, a full set of false teeth (?)—all these have been found.

Some years ago, I caught a cod that had devoured a large rubber heel from a man's work boot, and another that had the setting of a beautiful engagement ring, minus the stone. (I'd like to know the story behind that ring ...and that child's doll.) Many beautiful sea shells would be unknown if it weren't for the cod's fondness for exotic fare. Years ago it was a common sight to see collectors of sea shells poring through cod stomachs at commercial fishing ports.

Is it any wonder that for hundreds of years fishermen have been intrigued by the cod?

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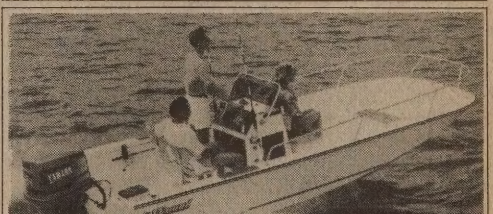

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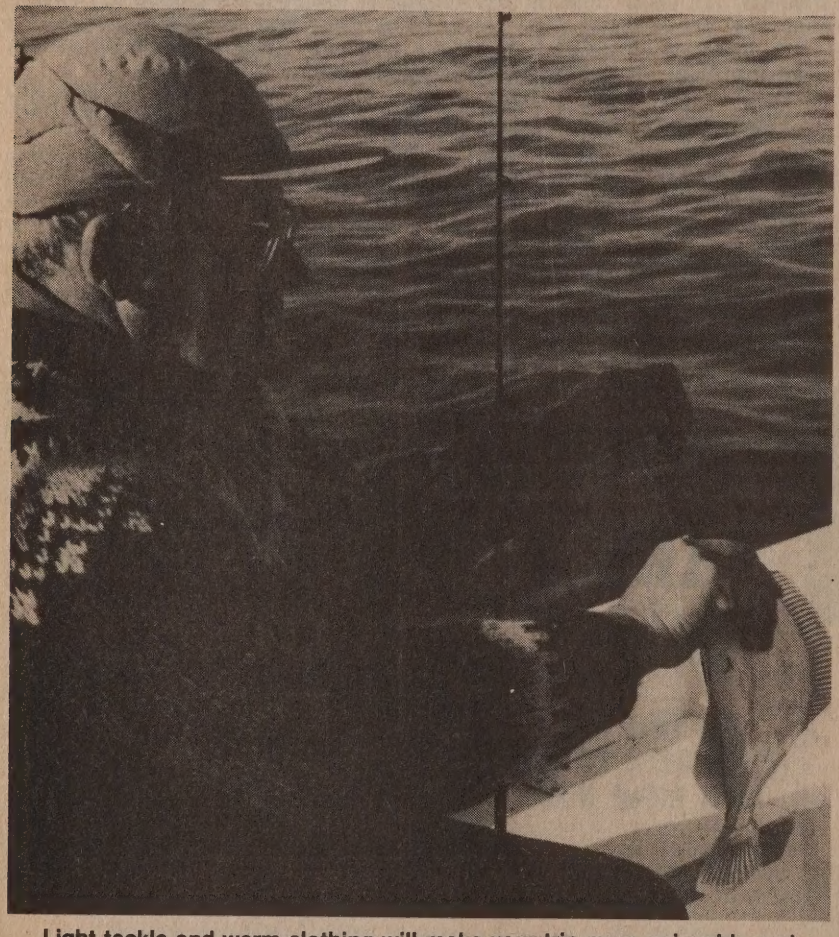

Light tackle and warm clothing will make your trip more enjoyable and successful.

The winter flounder is a lot like one of the popular comedians: he gets no respect. The reasons are obvious: blackback flounder just do not measure up to many of the more highly prized game fish in terms of size, fighting qualities and beauty.

Some fishermen who should know better, think that flounder are a push-over. They will pay little attention to boat positioning, baits, terminal rigs or fishing technique. In the process they catch few, if any flounder. If you are among this group you will not spend much time at the cleaning table. Blackbacks can be as hard to please as a Marine drill instructor, maybe not as nasty tempered and tough, but definitely as demanding. Trust me, there is a whole lot more to catching flounder than just dunking a bait.

I guarantee the winter flounder is no dummy.

Probably the most important ingredient to a successful flounder trip is having the right baits and then knowing how, when and where to present them most effectively. You can buy or dig fresh sand, blood, tape or green worms, load up with clams fresh from the ocean, have all the necessary chum and terminal rigs and still not put flounder in the cooler.

A poor catch is part of fishing. I've yet to meet the person who hasn't complained of not catching fish. That's why we call our favorite sport fishing and not catching. If fish were that easy to seduce there would not be a fish market that could remain in business.

Anyone who brags "I always catch fish," is stretching the truth beyond its limits and probably doesn't catch as many fish as he (or she) would lead you to believe. Fortunately, flounder trips that produce few fish do not occur too often among the guys and gals who know the ins and outs of fishing for these tasty winter flatfish.

Contrary to what you may have heard, flounder do not swim around the river bottom constantly sucking up anything that looks like it might be good to eat. They feed and rest until the desire to eat returns. Just like you or I, when the flounder's belly is full he gets lazy and could care less about eating.

In addition to having the right tackle and baits, there are several factors that will contribute to a successful trip. For openers, wind and tide can make or break your day. A bluster wind that is going against the tide or no wind at all can be disastrous. By the same token, a gusty wind that is blowing in the same direction as the tide will create a fast moving current, making it impossible to keep chum or baits anchored in the desired position. Moon tides produce a similar situation due to the amount of water volume that is pushed into the coastal estuaries during incoming water and the ensuing runoff that follows the dropping tides.

Water clarity and salinity content is of equal importance. Heavy rains,

A few cracked clams dropped around the boat can help bring the flounder to you.

especially during late fall and early spring cause river and bay waters to muddy and will create an immediate change in the salinity. This abrupt change in the underwater habitat will completely disrupt the feeding pattern of many species that inhabit saltwaters.

Blackback flounder, in particular, are susceptible to a rapid change in water salinity. As a general rule, flounder will stop feeding until the salinity levels return to near normal. That's why flounder fishing is usually a total waste of time immediately following a heavy rainfall.

You cannot catch flounder if you are not fishing where they live. It is no secret that blackbacks will inhabit areas where the bottom is composed of a sand and mud mixture rather than spots where the bottom is all sand or thick, oozy black mud.

There is a reason for this preference. Flounder, and most all fish for that matter, want to live near the kitchen. Sea worms, clam spat and other bottom organisms that provide a ready food source do not inhabit flats and shoaling waters where the bottom is basically pure mud or sand. They, too, need the combination of mud and sand to survive.

As a rule, the edges of flats, channel dropoffs and mussel beds provide habitat that fits the requirements of flounder and the foods they eat. If the mussel bed borders a deep channel or runs along the sloping edge of a mud flat, so much the better.

This does not mean you cannot catch flounder from the channels, for at times the deeper waters provide the best opportunity. More often than not, flounder that are entering or leaving the coastal estuaries will migrate through the channels, stopping to feed and rest as they move from one area to another.

I've always been partial to the waters adjacent to bridges, and when fishing an unfamiliar area will concentrate on these areas first. The continuous flow of water as tides rise and fall, dislodges mussels, worms, clams and small oysters from the bridge abutments, providing a constant natural chum slick that seems to attract and hold large numbers of hungry flounder.

The fact that tides have also gouged out deep holes at either side of the bridge gives these areas more fish appeal since they not only have a constant source of food, but also excellent shelter from larger predatory species.

Charts marking bridges, channels, dropoffs and deep holes are available at most shore area marinas and tackle shops. You can locate potential hotspots by using the chart and a depth recorder to locate the structure, but neither will reveal the composition of the bottom.

The only way to know what kind of bottom you are anchored over is to bring up a sample. I've used weighted chum pots, long handled dip nets, dragged the anchor and even gone to the extreme of towing a short section of steel pipe to drag up muck to learn what type of bottom was beneath the boat.

A lot of strange looks were cast my way by other anglers who figured they were fishing near someone who was a few degrees off center. But, in the process I learned a lot about the kind of bottom habitat that is preferred by winter flounder. I can tell you from firsthand experience you will not catch many flounder when fishing areas where the bottom is pure black mud, thin sand, all clay, or seaweed covered.

Places when the tide is forced to narrow down to pass through a limited amount of area are also less productive than spots that offer a slower moving current. Flounder do not possess the strength and stamina of a big blue, tuna or shark. They will not live where the current rips along

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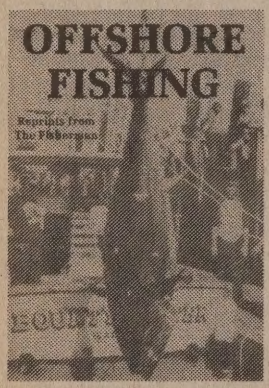

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at flank speed because the current makes it harder for them to find food.

By focusing attention to the channel edges and dropoffs that are located over or near a sand and mud bottom, you have already increased the odds of catching flounder. Granted, there is some effort involved. I feel it is justified.

Flounder will often eat any bait that comes their way, giving the impression that they are almost too easy to catch. At times this is true, but far more often you'll find the little winter flatfish are not quite as easy.

It pays to carry a selection of baits. Sand or blood worms are standard, clams and mussels, either fresh or frozen a close second and garden worms or night crawlers a very distant third. Some experienced flounder fishermen also carry tape or green worms, feeling that they will produce fish when other baits are not doing the job.

Most knowledgeable flounder fishermen have the common sense to use light tackle and small hooks that can be hidden in a miniature bait. Worms, clams or mussels may look more natural when fished whole, but they won't put many flounder in the cooler.

Savvy fishermen cut their baits into bite size pieces that can easily be swallowed by the little flatfish. A strip of clam measuring 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide and 1½ to 2½ inches in length is plenty big enough to get the attention of any winter flounder you are likely to catch from New Jersey estuaries. Sand, tape or blood worms can be cut into slightly longer pieces, but should never measure more than four inches.

Quite naturally, when using small baits you will have to tailor your terminal rigs to fit the baits. Hook size can be critical, with most experienced fishermen selecting numbers 6, 8 or 10 medium shank models. There are numerous hooks that can be used for catching flounder. Choosing one particular model above all others is strictly a matter of personal preference. I happen to prefer a #8, medium shank Chestertown because of the black finish and the needle sharp point. Mustad also markets a very good hook for taking flounder in their medium shank #8 beak which has a silver finish.

When fishing specifically for blackbacks you can leave the heavy tackle at home. These fish do not fight very much and they certainly aren't in the heavyweight category. Most any mid weight spinning or conventional plug casting outfit will be more than adequate for catching winter flounder.

I've used a 5½ foot bass casting outfit for more than 10 years and feel it is as close to the perfect outfit for catching flounder as I'll find. Although I've tried several different rods throughout the years, all were in that 5½ foot range and rated to handle lures of up to one ounce and lines in the 8 to 15 pound test range. My present rod is a Berkley 100 percent graphite pistol grip model that

matches up with a Shimano 1000 Bantam, Ambassadeur 5000, Daiwa Pro-Caster, Penn 920, Penn 10 and other similar size conventional casting reels.

I've yet to see a winter flounder weighing more than 4 pounds (Quincy Bay), but will usually load the reels with 6 or 8 pound test line which is plenty heavy enough for catching any winter flounder.

Anglers who prefer the ease of spinning tackle might select a slightly longer rod, say something in the 6 to 6½ foot length and a mid size reel that will hold a couple hundred yards of 8 pound test.

You cannot catch flounder without some type of terminal rig. The two-hook rig is virtually standard among experienced flounder fishermen. You may elect to use a third hook, but I doubt that it will produce enough fish to justify the time you'll spend in clearing the tangles.

Worms or strips of clam should be attached so they are not bunched up on the hook. Most knowledgeable flounder fishermen simply hook the bait once, so it hangs off the hook and will flutter enticingly.

At one time I felt that all flounder rigs which had gaudy bangles and beads were a waste of money. The beads are nothing more than window dressing to get the attention of customers. Today, like many stub-born fishermen, I've done a complete turnaround and will normally use rigs that have yellow or pearl beads or a small yellow twister tail to give them more visibility and added fish appeal.

I also paint my sinkers yellow. This may not seem important, but on more than one occasion the lines that had yellow sinkers outproduced plain rigs by a wide margin. This is not a scientifically proven fact; just an observation after many flounder trips.

Although flounder are basically bottom feeders, they will often hit a bait that is being gently manipulated. A lot of savvy fishermen use the "lift and drop" technique when flounder are reluctant to strike a dead bait.

By lifting the rod tip every few minutes, and then allowing the baits to quickly drop back to bottom, the sinker kicks up small puffs of sand and mud. Winter flounder are extremely curious and will swim over to see what is causing the commotion, see the bait and jump on.

Anglers who fish from shore, bulkheads or dock areas cannot use this technique. A similar effect can be obtained by casting out from the dock or bulkhead. After allowing sufficient time for the baits to settle to bottom, impart a slow, stop and go type retrieve.

There are no guarantees when it comes to catching fish. These techniques have produced for me in the past and should prove beneficial to anyone who hopes to catch flounder. Old, proven techniques will generally put fish in the box, but often it pays to try a new approach with just a slightly different twist.

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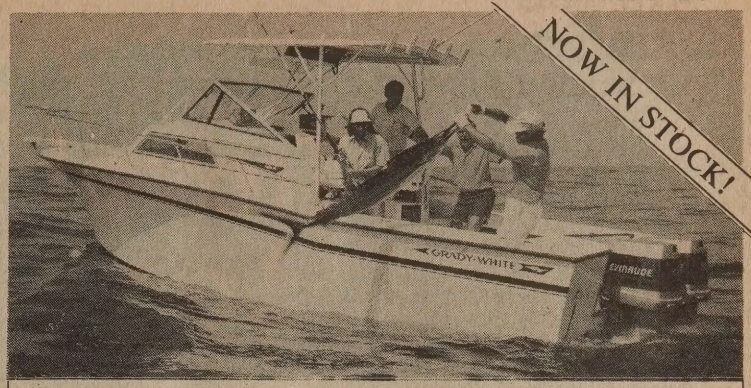

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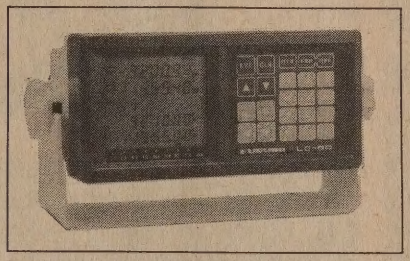

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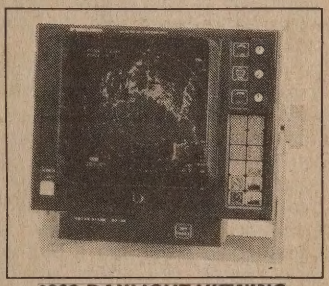

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Travel Log

By Pete Barrett

The Florida Keys are a very special place for winter fishermen fed up with snow, cold temperatures and bleak gray skies. "Snow birds" can quickly trade winter coats and sweaters for T-shirts and shorts with a straight arrow ride down I95 to this tropical fishing hole that looks more like the Bahamas than America.

Like many others with a mortgage and a son in college, the cost factor of a winter vacation had to be carefully considered to stay within the family budget. The Keys offered great value for the dollar, especially if we trailered our own boat behind the van. We've been fishing the Keys for the last eight years and have had a ball with not only fishing, but diving, snorkeling, sightseeing and gourmet dining.

Motels are available to suit any budget. We've stayed at the Casa Marina in Key West, one of the best hotels in all the Keys, where the rates ran up over $200 per room, and we've stayed at local "Mom and Pop" motels that were considerably under $100 per night. With rare exceptions we've found the motels to be clean and well kept and the people very friendly. Many motels offer free dockage for a boat for anyone booking rooms.

Trailering your boat saves you charter fees and ramps are readily available all along the Keys. I would still suggest booking a back country guide or a charter trip for at least one day to help get the lay of the land. Like any great fishing spot, success may be elusive unless the best fishing locations are known.

Where and how you will fish depends on the boat. My mako 25 was a deep vee that was great for fishing offshore, the reefs, the inshore patches, the creeks and the deeper back country lakes; but it obviously could not get up on a bonefish or redfish flat.

Fourteen to seventeen foot skiffs like aluminum utility boats or small center consoles like a 17 Mako that draws only inches of water are better for the back country yet can still fish the creeks and on most days the inshore patches; perhaps even the reefs on calm days.

My spinning tackle includes two 8 pound outfits for back country trout; two 12 pound outfits for small tarpon, barracuda, yellowtail snapper and kingfish and two 20 pound outfits for sailfish, amberjack and blackfin tuna.

Conventional gear includes a pair of light plug casting outfits for redfish, barracuda and jacks; two 20 pound conventional outfits much like diamond jigging rods for tarpon, big snapper, small tuna, dolphin and kingfish, and a pair of 30 pound class lever drag reels for offshore trolling and deep jigging for amberjack.

To get all this down to the Keys in

Linda Barrett and guide, Gary Register, unhook a 5 pound redfish caught off Palm Key in Florida Bay back country.

Florida Keys

Barracuda of all sizes are found throughout the Keys and are great sport on light spinning tackle.

one piece, I wrap the rods in a blanket tied closed with bungee cord and pack the reels in the rocket launcher cooler wrapped in cloth pouches.

A tackle box with an assortment of bucktails, swimming plugs, small spoons, feathers, trolling lures, diamond jigs and tube lures completes the tackle selection. Stuffed into the hatches of the boat are diving masks, flippers and assorted gear for living like beach bums for ten days.

I try to have the fuel tanks nearly empty for the ride down. This is contrary to good winter storage back home, but makes trailering much easier when there is several hundred pounds less weight behind the van. A bottle or two of fuel conditioner will get rid of any condensation.

Bring along a good supply of hooks like the short shank tuna hooks we use for bonito in sizes #1 or #2. Also Eagle Claw bait holder type hooks for shrimp in size 1/0 to 3/0. Bronze is better than gold. The primary baits will be shrimp, shrimp, shrimp, and more shrimp. They are fished whole and live for redfish, trout, small barracuda and snappers; and as pieces added to bucktails for nearly every species that swims in the Keys.

Tackle shops are found every few miles in the upper Keys from Key Largo to Marathon, but once below the Seven Mile Bridge the number of shops diminishes. Shrimp are sold at tackle shops, gas stations, campgrounds, marinas—virtually everywhere—so it's hard not to have a good supply of bait readily available.

Trollers will use rigged ballyhoo for everything from sailfish to kingfish, dolphin to marlin. Pre-rigged ballyhoo are also to be found in the freezers of every tackle shop. Unrigged ballyhoo can be cut into chunk baits for bottom fishing or strip baits as sweeteners on feather lures for dolphin, skipjack (called bonito in Florida), blackfin tuna and kingfish.

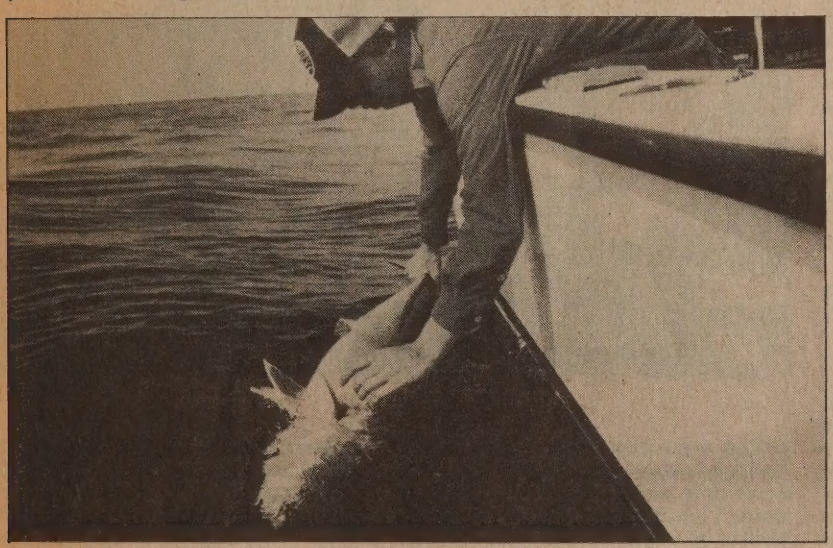
There is one problem with the Keys: winter wind. Fishermen who get tunnel vision for only one species of fish are often disappointed. A south wind will wreck the sailfishing and make the edge of the reef a bad ocean, yet that same wind can make the back country a pleasant place to fish. The northwester that gets sailfishermen excited can ruin the chances for good bonefishing or redfishing.

It pays to be prepared for everything just because the weather is so changeable. We've had trips to the Keys when it blew for 8 days in a row making the offshore action impossible so we switched gears and caught trout, reds and jacks. Likewise, I've had to say goodbye to back country action when the weather was prime for sails. Keep an open mind when visiting the Keys.

Northern marinas or marine supply stores that sell charts can get, or already have, Florida charts in stock. Check it out before you head south. There are numerous freebie charts for the Keys given away at most tackle shops. Most shop owners will bend over backwards to help you into good fishing spots. They want you back tomorrow for more bait and depend on us northern folk for their winter business.

Some of my favorite places include Buttonwood Sound behind Key Largo,The Cow Pens behind Tavernier, Channel 2 and 5 below Islamorada, The Reefs from Penny Camp Park in Key Largo down to Tennessee Marker off Marathon, the Hump off Islamorada for bluewater trolling and huge amberjack and the wrecks around Key West.

The Keys are a great place to visit. Whether you stay at the beautiful Hawk's Cay in Marathon or the fine campgrounds in Key Largo, a winter visit to the Keys is well worth the effort.



Rich Barrett revives a tired amberjack prior to release. Fifty pound fish are common at the Hump and hit diamond jigs much like huge, huge bluefish.

Do it Yourself:

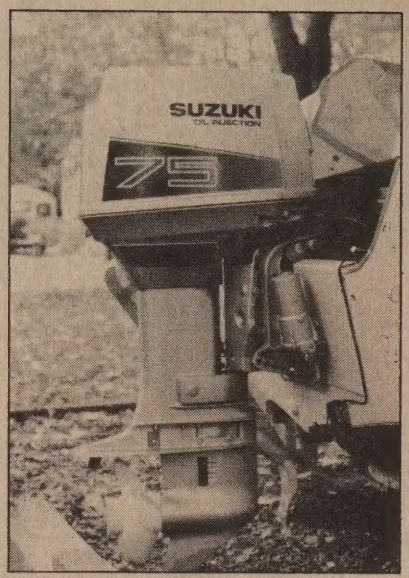
How to outboard winter

I must admit to having a so-called black box mentality. Things like clock radios, air conditioners and car engines somehow just run, without my understanding of the mechanisms involved. Likewise, until recently, I felt the same way about outboards. You turned them on in the spring and took off to go fishing, and in the fall you turned it over to the local mechanic to winterize it. As an outboard owner, maybe you've been in a similar situation for years.

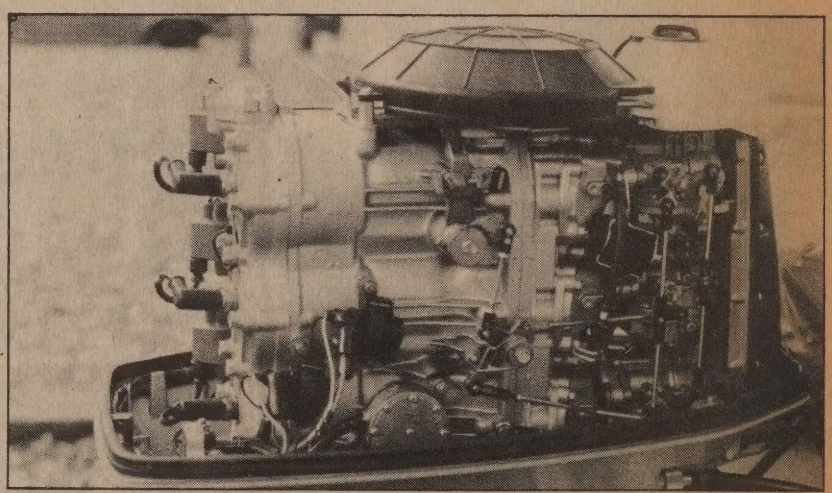
Predictions of doom and gloom for your outboard are standard among most mechanics if you don't wish to have your motor winterized. For the most part, they're right. Letting the motor sit unused for months at a time in cold weather is detrimental to the engine. It would then follow that the winterizing process must be complex and involved, something that only a highly skilled mechanic with years of experience could be capable of. And if you never ask your mechanic what it is that he does to your outboard each winter, then you'll never find out.

Why should you winterize your outboard? And why should you ask your mechanic what it is he does to your motor each winter? I'll start with the first question. The reason you winterize your outboard is to prevent rust and corrosion. This, in turn, prolongs the life of your motor. But wait a minute, you say, today's outboards are supposed to be corrosion resistant. True, resistant they are; immune they aren't. Anything will corrode enough to cause problems if left to the elements long enough. Just look at your neighbor's old Chevy.

Okay, so you now know the reasons for winterizing your outboard. Let's turn to the second question. Let's say you've brought your motor into the shop. If you're like I've been for most of my life, you're going to leave it there and forget about it. But this is foolish for lots of reasons, the least of which is money. It's a good idea to know what you're getting for your hard earned bucks, especially since fees may seem to vary widely from shop to shop, when in fact, the more expensive shop may be offering more services that will benefit your motor. On the other hand, if they aren't, then you'll want to take your money elsewhere. The only way to determine this is to ask the mechanic what he is going to do. Write it down and then ask him to go over those things with you after he's done. You'll find that it's a learning experience and a little knowledge can go a long way.



Left: Outboards are tough enough to be left outside through the winter season. Below: They should be lubed and winterized if they are going to sit for the winter.



The mechanic I chose was helpful enough in this regard, although it was clear that he would rather have been doing something else. Don't be bullied by impatient mechanics. Most of them are very busy and often don't realize that the customer doesn't always have the technical know-how to understand a brief explanation. If you establish this at the outset, he will be more likely to take the time needed to explain things carefully.

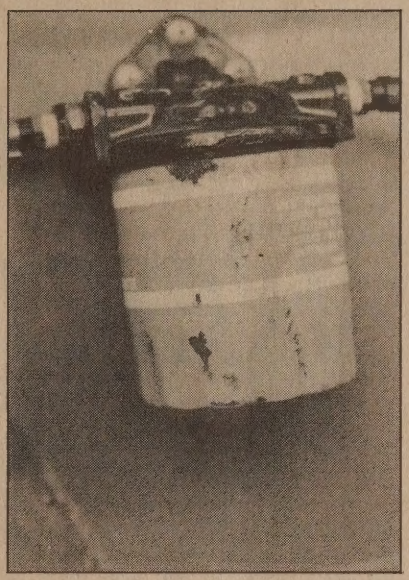
With this established, my mechanic proceeded to explain to me just what he does to an outboard at the end of the season. The first thing he did was to use a 50-50 mix of fresh water and aluminum grade anti-freeze to flush the engine with. The reason for this was to rinse out any salt that might have built up in the engine from running it all season in saltwater. The idea is to get the engine up to operating temperature and let it get good and hot.

Once he did that, he sprayed fogging oil through the carburetor and all around the engine. He then removed the spark plugs and sprayed fogging oil onto the pistons. A quick inspection revealed that the spark plugs hadn't been changed. My mechanic felt that they should be changed in the spring, when you could let the old plugs take all the gunk that built up over the winter. Then you could put

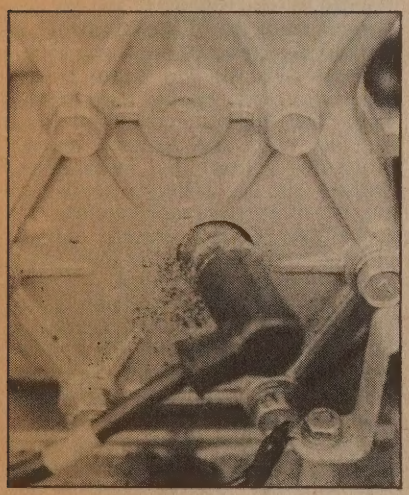
Engine Care

get your ready for

By Dan Mazza



Right: It's a good idea to change the fuel filter as well. Lower Right: Props can be reconditioned for a nominal fee. Below: Spark plugs should be cleaned or changed every year to keep the engine's performance at its best. This one rusted after just one season.



the new plugs in with a clean motor. This didn't make much sense to me, so I asked another mechanic about it and he said that it is standard as part of winterization in his shop to change the plugs. Do whatever you think is best, but if you're paying for winterization, I'd insist on new plugs. Also, if you have an oil injected outboard with an oil filter, you should insist that this be changed also. Again, some mechanics will and some won't. But you'll never know if you don't ask.

My mechanic also recommended that I change the fuel filter each spring because water collects in it. This is the fuel filter's primary purpose: to separate water and other impurities before they get into the engine. However, there's no reason why this shouldn't be done when you have your outboard winterized and I would insist on it. Many of these things should be standard, and if the mechanic you choose doesn't do them or wants to charge extra for these services, head for the door fast. And for God's sake, don't sign anything.

The next thing that should be done on an outboard is to change the gear oil. This is one thing that my mechanic thought should be done in the fall. According to him, the gear oil is emulsified in the fall and if you change it, all of the dirt that has collected in it will come out. If you wait until spring, the oil and dirt will separate, like the oil and grease in those old salad commercials, I suppose and you won't get a true indication of the state of your gears.

I checked with a third outboard mechanic and he said that it's important to change the gear oil so that you can see if anything really dirty comes out. If so, you can have it fixed over the winter if it looks exceptionally bad. However, all of this business about emulsification is, in his opinion, a lot of bunk. He recommended you change the oil in the fall, and check it again in the spring to see if there's any water in it. If the oil is clear, then you have no problem.

Lots of folks ask about whether or not an outboard could freeze in the winter, so I thought I'd present this same question to my mechanic. Of course, he said. Absolutely. If you leave water up around the engine block it could freeze and crack the block, causing permanent damage. I went and asked two other mechanics about this, and they couldn't see how that was possible. One said that in all his years, he had never seen this happen even on old outboards much less the new high-tech ones. What is important is to keep the outboard in a downward position because if it is left in an upright one, water can get in the surface of the exhaust near the prop and freeze that, but otherwise, there's practically no danger of freezing the engine block. This particular mechanic also noted that nobody keeps their outboards inside any more for winter storage because of the expense involved. If there was a danger of freezing the engine block, there would be a lot more ruined outboards each spring.

People also ask a lot about their fuel and whether it should be used again the next year. There is some danger of water or condensation getting into the tank and harming the engine, so it is a good idea to mix some fuel stabilizer into the gas tank before using it again in the spring. Also, it's a good idea to clean the surface of your battery and store it on a piece of wood for the winter. Charge it up again in the spring before using it and you should have no problems.

It's important to take winterization of your outboard seriously and to ask questions of your mechanic. As with everything in life, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Take care of your outboard now so it does not let you down later on during the next day of good fishing.

Hitting The Books...

Fishable Reading

By Eric Burnley

Some guys collect cars, some collect women and some collect sea shells. I collect books. As you may have guessed, most of the books I collect deal with fishing and hunting. My shelves do contain some works by Dickens, Hugo, Tolstoy and other authors who wrote about the more common conditions of mankind, but it is the books by Ruark, Hill, Woolner, Reiger and Brooks that take up most of the available space.

The world today seems to be video crazy. Instead of books that must be read, we want to look at pictures on the tube. No one enjoys or uses his VCR more than I, but I find it no comparison to a book.

A picture on the TV screen will flash by in a few seconds, but the words that describe the same scene could take up several pages and require much more time to read. By reading all the words we get a much better description of the scene and, I at least, end up with a much better feeling about the subject. Of course, you must remember I can become emotional just smelling a new book or running my hands over the cover of an old leather bound volume.

There are three types of outdoor books: the ones that tell you how to do something; the ones that tell an interesting story; and the ones that successfully combine the first two.

The how-to books are valuable for both the novice and the long time fisherman. You can never know too much about the basics of our sport and I have found some of the best fishermen I know attending my Saltwater Workshops over the winter. Some of these people have forgotten more about fishing than many of us will ever know, but they still come to a class just in case something new might turn up.

When it comes to this type of book, names like Boyd Pfeiffer, Lefty Kreh and Mark Sosin immediately come to mind. *Tackle Craft* by Pfeiffer covers the whole spectrum of building, fixing and maintaining the tools we fish with. Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh have written the one book no fisherman should be without. *Practical Fishing Knots* shows us in fine detail how to tie every knot we will ever want or need. Sosin teamed up with John Clark to write *Through the Fish's Eye*, a must read book for all fishermen.

Another book on the subject of fish behavior is *The Scientific Angler*, by Paul Johnson. There is some very interesting underwater work done by Johnson with largemouth bass in the wild and the results are put forth in his book. Gary Soucie has written a complete encyclopedia on terminal tackle and how to use it. *Hook, Line and Sinker* is the title and you will find yourself going back to this reference source many times.

A book I have used over and over again is *Life in the Chesapeake Bay*, by Alice Jane Lippson and Robert L. Lippson. The authors explain and show all the various life forms in the bay, both animal and vegetable, and how they all must work together to keep the environment healthy. You will find animals and plants in this book that won't show up in many other works.

Another book that every angler should have is *McClane's Field Guide to Saltwater Fishing*. With the weather patterns changing and different species of fish showing up along our coast, this book will help you identify anything you are likely to catch. Freshwater anglers should get a copy of *McClane's Field Guide to Freshwater Fishes* just to end the confusion over what type of sunfish they have caught.

If you are looking for information about fishing in this geographic area, The Fisherman Library offers something for just about every type of angler. *Fishing for Sharks*, by Pete Barrett; *Fishing for Bluefish*, by Al Ristori; *New Jersey Salt Water Fishing Guide*, by Pete Barrett and *Fishing for Weakfish and Seatrout*, by William A. Muller. William Muller has teamed with Richard Reina to produce two other books. *Surf Fishing With The Experts* and *Party Boat Fishing With The Experts* contain chapters written by experienced anglers who are willing to share their secrets of success with readers. The Fisherman Library books can be ordered from 1620 Beaver Dam Road, Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742 at $7.95 each plus $1 for shipping. You can order a copy of *Surf Fishing* or *Party Boat Fishing With The Experts* from Wavecrest Communications, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

A membership in the International Game Fish Association includes a copy of *World Record Game Fishes*. This is a list of records compiled and recognized by the IGFA plus some very good descriptions of these fish. This book is published on an annual basis to keep us up-to-date.

Boat owners might like a copy of *Dutton's Navigation and Piloting*, by G.D. Dunlap and H.H. Shufeldt. This is the textbook used to teach sailors at United States Naval Institute how to sail. I have found it very informative and quite easy to understand. It is not something you plan to read on a cold night beside a roaring fire, but it is hard to beat if you are looking for information on navigation.

The *Complete Loran C Handbook*, by Luke Melton has helped me understand the intimacies of this electronic navigational aid. Everything from the history to the operation of Loran C is

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covered and the technical talk is in layman's terms.

How-to and reference books are necessary and interesting, but they are seldom entertaining. If you believe as I do that fishing should be fun, then you will want some books that reflect this philosophy.

I have enjoyed the writings of Frank Woolner for many years and his book *Modern Saltwater Sport Fishing* is one of my all time favorites. Mr. Wooner combines a lifetime of technical knowledge with his unequaled ability to tell a story and produces a classic. Other fishing books by Frank Woolner include *Trout Hunting* and *Striped Bass Fishing* which he wrote with Henry Lyman. He has also written two excellent books on hunting. *Timberdoodle!* and *Grouse and Grouse Hunting*, both of which have recently been reprinted by Nick Lyons Books with new introductions by the author.

Nick Lyons not only publishes books, he also writes them. His humorous look at the problems most of us encounter while fishing is contained in *Fishing Widows*. The chapter titled "Fine Art of Hudson River Fence Fishing" makes what some might consider crude into a fine art. In "The Legacy" he aptly shows us the difference between those who love fishing and those who don't.

Offshore anglers will enjoy *Line Down!* by Jack Sampson. Much of the book deals with big boats and big fish, but there is a section where the author tells us about his adventures with a 17 foot Boston Whaler in the Gulf Stream.

George Reiger has compiled a very impressive documentary on the contributions of many fishermen to the sport. His *Profiles in Salt Water Angling* will bring you close to these pioneers. Those of us who fish the surf will enjoy Reiger's *Wanderer On My Native Shore*. In this book you will find the story of the coastline told by one who truly appreciates its beauty, but realizes how fragile an environment we have been given.

I have saved what I consider the best for last. Robert Ruark wrote many books and magazine articles during his life, but the best of these, in my opinion, was *The Old Man and The Boy*. In this book is a collection of short stories about a boy growing up in North Carolina and the influence his grandfather had on him. The boy learns the lessons of life through his experience in the field either hunting or fishing with the Old Man. Ruark wrote a sequel to this book entitled *The Old Man's Boy Grows Older*, which is equally as good but with another perspective. Now the boy finds out it is not easy to keep to the Old Man's teachings when you must deal in a world where most of the people don't share the same set of ethics you were brought up with.

You can find many of these books in The Fisherman Library or in the libraries of Saltwater Sportsman, Outdoor Life or occasionally, in your local bookstore.

Fortunately for the book buyer, many outdoor titles are remaindered by the publisher and end up on the bargain book shelf. I have found some fantastic buys there, but it still pains me to see great works that took the author several years of his life to complete selling for five dollars or less. I usually manage to overcome the pain and buy the book.

Used book shops are one of my favorite places on earth. Here is where you find the treasures of the past. I have books by Theodore Roosevelt, Tony Gifford, S. Kip Farrington, Jr., Joe Brooks, Ted Trueblood and Win Brooks. Some used bookstores carry all types of books and if they have a section of outdoor titles, the prices are usually quite good. I picked up an autographed copy of Robert Ruark's first book, *Grenadine Etching*, for six dollars in such a store.

There are some used bookstores that specialize in fishing and hunting books. The selections here are quite good but they also know what the books are worth so bargains can be hard to find. These stores often have a search service and if you are looking for a particular book they can usually find it somewhere in the world.

A friend once asked me if I ever sold any of my books. The thought never occurred to me. Books are living things, the result of someone's work and reflections, a part of the person who wrote them. Publishers and bookstores sell them, I collect them and I will keep them until I no longer have a need for books.

Beating the Winter CHILL

By J.B. Kasper

Just because the weather is getting colder and the water temperature is getting hard to find on your temperature gauge, doesn't mean that there still isn't some good fishing to be had in your favorite waters. In all reality, some of the biggest fish of the season are taken by the cold water anglers who are willing and able to put up with cold hands and toes in order to take a chance at a trophy. Most fishermen underestimate the elements during the cold water season and wind up leaving their favorite fishing hole not only empty-handed, but also half frozen with a trip to the doctor's office only a couple days away. This doesn't necessarily have to be so, and the key to a successful cold water season is a good knowledge of how to dress and protect not only yourself, but also your tackle from the elements.

Knowing how your body works is very important in understanding why some ways of dressing are better than others. The human body needs to breathe, even when it is wrapped in a warm blanket of clothing during the cold weather season. As a result, the fisherman has to dress different when he is standing still and when he is exerting himself. Example: materials that are non-porous, such as plastic, vinyl, rubber, etc., are good choices for a fisherman who is bank fishing, ice fishing or fishing from a boat, one who is not exerting himself. These same materials make poor choices for the angler who is cutting holes when he is ice fishing, or moving around from spot to spot while bank fishing.

A ski mask offers excellent protection.

A better choice for clothing when you are moving around would be cotton or wool, with the latter being preferred. The single most important factor in staying warm when you are fishing during the cold weather is staying dry, and even though non-porous material will do this on the outside, it will still get you wet on the inside through perspiration. When you are active in cold weather, non-porous materials will not allow the heat that your body produces to escape, causing you to sweat. Once you start to cool down, the perspiration will cause you to get colder quicker, and it will be harder to warm up once you have gotten cold.

The best way to alleviate this problem is to dress in layers in the following manner. Your undergarments should be 100 percent cotton, a good breathing fabric. Your in-between layers (pants, shirt, etc.), should also be cotton or wool, with wool being the preferred fabric. Your outside layer of clothing should be a non-porous material that will not allow the wind and outside cold to penetrate while you are inactive. It should also be able to be removed during times of exertion to allow your body to breathe. Always give your body time to return to normal before getting back into your outer garments.

Your extremities, being smaller and less protected than your torso, are usually the first to feel the effects of the cold. In most cases, these are the parts of the body where the cold enters your body and then spreads throughout the rest of it. Hands, feet, nose and ears should always rate extra protection. In 95 percent of the known cases of frostbite, the extremities are the affected part. Here, again, keeping them dry is a prime concern.

There are many types of good foot protection on the market today. What should govern your choice is the type of fishing that you will be doing. If you are fishing from a boat and there

should be protected with a skin lotion to help offset the dryness, often referred to as windburn, which can result from direct contact with the wind driven cold. A good skin lotion applied before and during your exposure to the cold will provde the skin with emulsifiers that will prevent the is little chance that your feet will get wet, a good leather insulated boot will be a suitable choice. On the other hand, the fisherman who fishes from the shore or on the ice will want some type of waterproof boot to protect his feet. Some anglers choose to wear hip boots or waders while fishing during this time of the year. This is fine if you are wading, but if you are bank fishing, a better choice would be a pair of knee high boots. Chest waders and even hip boots cover too much of the upper leg and leave less area on the legs and lower body to breathe. Many veteran anglers choose to wear short boots with a pair of high bibbed rain gear over them, which can be removed if they become too warm.

Ears are probably the most simple to protect. A hooded sweatshirt or jacket will do the job nicely and is the preferred methods. Hats with ear are a good second choice.

Your nose and face are also not as hard to protect. If you are ice fishing or shoreline fishing, a ski mask will take care of the job. Just keeping your back to the wind will offer you the protection you need in all but the most extreme cases. In an open boat many anglers have taken to wearing a motorcycle helmet while riding during the cold season. Believe me, there is no better way. The cold, combined with the wind created by the speed of the boat, can cause surface temperatures to go sub-zero even on mild days, causing problems with eyes, throats and sinuses. A good second choice would be a heavily padded snowmobile suit and goggles.

Your hands are by far the hardest part of your body to protect from the elements. They are a necessary part of fishing and are constantly being used, getting wet a good part of the time. Keeping your hands in your pockets or wearing mittens will do a good job of keeping them warm when they are not in use. Gloves can also be worn, but mittens are the preferred choice because they keep your fingers together, allowing their collective heat to keep them warm. Gloves insulate each finger separately and allow air to flow around them, giving them a better chance to cool down quicker.

Ther are several things that you can do that will help to keep your hands warm when you are out in the cold. A trick of many of the cold water fishermen that I know is to wrap the handles of their rods with fleece, the type that is used in coat linings. This gives them a warmer rod handle surface to hold. It works well except when it gets wet, so if you choose this trick you must remember to keep it dry. Another favorite way of keeping the hands warm is to wear a pair of gloves with the fingertips cut off. This allows the fisherman to keep the bulk of his hands warm and still be able to use his fingers which are the most important. Some anglers even combine both of the aforementioned methods.

The wind chill factor is one of the items that can really make a fishing excursion miserable during the cold water season. Even though the temperature may be 40 degrees, the addition of a good, stiff breeze can make it feel well below the freezing point, and even sub-zero. It's always best to check your weather radio before venturing out during the cold water season to give you some insight into what conditions you might be up against. Any exposed areas of the body, such as the face and hands, skin from drying out. As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Many serious anglers are the victim of dry skin that peels and even cracks, to the point where it may bleed and even get infected.

In recent years, many advances have been made in cold weather clothing. Down jackets and suits, electric socks, insulated undergarments, etc., have made fishing during the cold water season a lot more comfortable. Many of these items also carry a good sized price tag. There are, however, some non-clothing items that can do the job for less money. A simple, inexpensive hand warmer place in your coat pocket can take the chill out of a pair of cold hands in just a short time. There are two different types of hand warmers available: one which uses liquid fuel (lighter fluid) and one which uses a solid fuel system. Of the two, solid fuel hand warmers are the better choice; they are easier to light and aren't as messy to refuel.

Hot seats are a good choice for the angler who fishes from a boat. They are plastic pouches about the size of a standard seat cushion; their filling will create heat under pressure, and they will remain warm as long as you are sitting on them. You will be surprised at what a big difference having something to warm your hands and something warm to sit on will make out there in the cold.

Another thing that you can do if you are fishing a favorite spot and standing in one place is to take a piece of old carpet or some newspaper with you and use it to stand on. Many times the ground will freeze at night, only to be thawed out by the sun during the day. When you first get to the fishing hole in the morning you will be standing on frozen ground, and a piece of carpet or newspaper will help to insulate your feet from it. As the ground thaws, it will usually become muddy, and the moisture will soak into your boots if you are wearing leather. If you kneel down, it will get into your clothing. In either case, once you are wet, you will chill down fast. A piece of carpet or newspaper will prevent this from happening.

There is much good fishing to be had during the cold water season and knowing how to dress and prepare for the fishing is half the battle. All too many times I have seen anglers venture out into the cold and have such a miserable time that they are hesitant to give it another try, only to hear of a trophy fish being caught the next day. If you are serious about your love of the sport, then I hope that I have enlightened you in the knowledge of how to dress during the coming cold water season. If you are one of those who packs his rods and reels away once the weather gets cold, dress for the occasion and give it a try. You might be pleasantly surprised at the good fishing you will find and the peaceful atmosphere around you.

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

After the three day nor'easter roared through the east end, anglers found plenty of bass at Montauk, with most anglers easily catching their limit and releasing many over 33 inches. Small bluefish were hard to find, however, tackle busters, most 15 lbs. or better were located in east end waters. Cooler water temperatures after the storm seemed to spark blackfish catches, since very impressive catches of large blacks were made on the weekend.

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The first **Viking** "Blackfish Special" sailed on the weekend with 28 anglers on Saturday, 36 on Sunday. On Saturday's trip, approximately 180 blackfish were caught, about half over 5 lbs., the biggest weighing 11½ lbs. was taken by Joe Herbst of Commack. A network of bottom gill nets placed on miles of prime blackfish bottom hampered attempts to anchor on choice pieces. However, on Sunday, Captain Paul Forsberg located a spot which held a mother lode of tautog, since 36 anglers caugyt 566 blackfish (by actual count) in a five hour fishing frenzy. Bob Fatigati of Bohemia took the pool with an 11½ lb. black, the largest of 16. Frank Hill of the Bronx took high hook honors with 36 blackfish. Lou Pow and John Guido counted 47 tog between them. John Girdim who has fished for blacks for 30 years called it the best blackfishing of his life. Double-headers were common; many bulldogs of 10 lbs. were caught. Because of the unprecedented response to these trips, four extra sailings have been added: Nov. 25th, December 2nd, 5th and 6th. Reservations are suggested. Call the **Viking** office for information. Please note: Nov. 21st is sold out.

Viking cod trips to Georges Banks will sail November 27th, December 12th and 26th. Reservations and deposit are required.

It was Ladies' Day on **Surfmaster II** according to Capt. Tom Federico on Saturday on a trip for blues and bass. Enjoying fine action were Becky and Rachel Early, Lisa Almarez and Jeannie Daniels who caught an 18 lb. bass. Rob Matz, the only man in the charter group, managed a 25 lb. bass.

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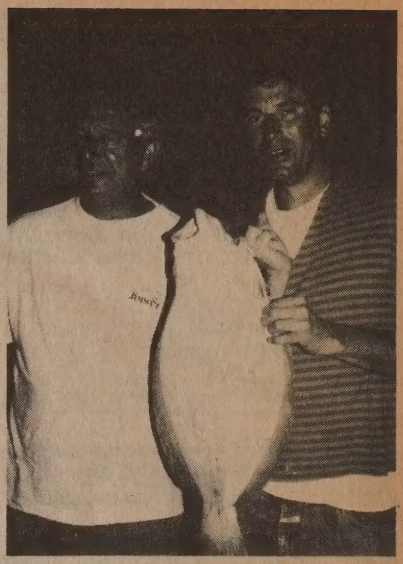

Doctors Michael and Steven Fayer with an 8½ lb. fluke taken by Steven in Montauk during September. Photo courtesy of Edelman's in Farmingdale.

blacks and bass according to Larry. A charter group on the "Venture" limited on bass on Saturday, keeping seven fish weighing 20 to a couple over 30 lbs., releasing several others of keeper size. Trolled umbrella rigs accounted for the catch of over 80 stripers. A 45 pounder was caught on "Marie III"; Al Philips, Bill Bennett and Eddie Downs returned from their trip on "Jen-Sue" with bass of 37 and 42 pounds. Larry also remarked about a 47 pounder caught by Bobby Tuma on his boat "Dawn." Those in search of blackfish scored in several places. Captain Steve Mauss of the **Kraken III** located plenty of blacks, some weighing 8 to 10 lbs., at Fisher's Island. Captain Howard Kiedaisch, accompanied by Capt. Zac Grossman fished at New Grounds, where 30 blackfish, some weighing 6 to 7 lbs. were put into the fish box of the **Reel Magic.**

Captain Bill Ricca, of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** fished local waters on Saturday with Bob and his friends from New Jersey, returning to **Gone Fishing Marina** with three bushels of blackfish. While most blacks weighed 4 lbs. or more, three hit the 9 lb. mark on the scale. Sunday's charter with Steve Krase, his brother and friends caught a few blackfish, then jigged alligator blues, plus a few bass fishing at the Point. Captain Ricca will be fishing for blacks and cod the next couple of weeks and has next Sunday available for charter. Call for information.

At **Gone Fishing Marina**, T.J. remarked that bluefishing remains steady, with most blues now averaging 15 lbs. Loads of school bass, with many keepers are caught by any traditional method and many keepers

taking diamond jigs. Very good blackfish catches were reported by marina based boats on Saturday, however, on Sunday the fish seemed reluctant to bite as well as the day before. Jim Butler returned to the marina with nine blackfish, biggest 11½ lbs. on his boat "Yellow Banana." Anglers on "Meri" caught 48 blacks, biggest 10 lbs. on Saturday. Anglers on the "Francesca" fished Southwest Ledge for a mixed bag of blackfish and small cod when bottom fishing. While jigging big bluefish, a 35 lb. cod hit a diamond jig and was added to the catch.

Captain Michael Potts of the charter boat **Bluefin IV** reported plenty of action with bass before and after the mid-week storm. Monday's charter group, the Mullanes, kept 5 stripers weighing 18 to 22 lbs., releasing about 40. On Tuesday, the Kephart group from WFAN radio released 60 bass, keeping 5 that weighed about 25 lbs. Jigs and bucktails worked well for the Luse group, since they caught their limit of six bass, the largest 35 lbs., releasing about 40. On Sunday afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. Cuevas and their teenagers trolled umbrellas for six big bass, the largest a 43 pounder caught by their daughter. A couple of dozen large—to 15 lbs.—bluefish rounded out the catch. Call for information on dates available for bass, blue and blackfish charters through the end of the month.

Seven year old John Scarduzio did a fine job when an 18 lb. bass and 16 lb. bluefish hit his spreader rig trolled on the charter boat **Montauk!** Captain Mike Albronda reports loads of stripers with plenty of keepers in Montauk waters. Very big blues remain on the Cartwright Grounds feasting on tons of large sand eels which blew in with the storm. Captain Mike will be fishing through the month and has next weekend open for charter. Call him for information.

Captain Ron Grandinetti enjoyed his last trip of the season on Saturday, when he caught 22 blackfish by himself at the Pocketbook, on a busman's holiday. The **Julie III** has been hauled for the winter and will begin fishing next April. Captain Ron wishes all his customers and friends a happy holiday season. He is booking charters for next year so call now for prime dates.

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South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Wednesday's freak snow storm had significant impact on the inshore scene with many shops reporting little or no action at all through Friday. As water temperatures recovered slightly from the chilling snowfall, some action was again reported. Flounder fishing continues to lag but some improvement was noted in both Moriches and Great South Bays. Nowhere can the fishing be described as good, however. Blackfish appear to be finished in the bays but are available on ocean wrecks and reefs. Stripers and blues were tough to find following the storm but Sunday provided excellent fishing east of Fire Island Inlet in 60 feet of water for both species.

double headers were netted, with 8 to 10 rods working fish at all times. Peter Kilanowski of Holtsville took the pool with a bulldog weighing over 12 lbs., the largest fish caught so far this season on the **Wilhelric II**. When the melee ended, four hours later, 300 fish were counted for twenty anglers. Captain Lach declared that the season has started with a bang, with fishing rivaling the best of previous years. Sailings are scheduled at 7AM daily, with the exception of Tuesdays.

Dee and Joe Eisinger found about a half dozen flounder near buoy 7A in the Quogue Canal on the weekend, fishing on their boat "Haleakala" berthed at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**. Those in search of bass on the weekend were disappointed. However, it must be noted that sand eels were so thickly packed outside Shinnecock Inlet, that they were impaled on trolled umbrella rigs. Joe Corr stated that the marina will be open throughout the winter for boat maintenance, engine repairs and boat hauling.

Those based at **Mariner's Cove Marina** found slow fishing on the weekend, according to Ron Arcate. Eric Erker located a couple of flounder at buoy 18 on Sunday and Tony DeMar was tangling with a mess of dogfish late Sunday afternoon.

Mickey Altenkirch commented on the lack of bass since the three day northeaster. The last bass weighed at **Altenkirch and Son**, a 17 lber., was caught last Tuesday. However, the presence of great amounts of bait in the water bodes favorably when the large schools of bass now feeding in Montauk move westward. Blues moved into deeper water and were trolled in 60 feet of water near the Sea Buoy on Sunday. Flounder were reported as slow, however, very large flatties, some hitting the two pound mark were caught west of the Ponquogue Bridge last Sunday. Anglers found neither cod nor blackfish on the Bridge Wreck on the weekend, but reported lots of dogfish.

Al Flexer used his **Feather Jigs** for some white perch at Bullhead Bay on Thursday, also reported a few, but large flounder in the Shinnecock Canal. A few flatties were caught in Sag Harbor Cove as well.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that fishing in the bay died completely between the storm and Friday. On the weekend however, there were some decent catches of flatties made in deep water between buoys 36 and 41. He thought that most boats averaged 20 and 35 flatties per tide. No crabbing news this week and it looks like the blue claws may finally be finished as a result of this sudden drop in water temperature. A reminder that the station will remain open through Sunday, November 29th.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

According to Dennis Scognamillo at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, there were some fair flounder catches reported by customers who treked out to Moriches on the weekend. Most of the action took place between buoys 27, 29 and 31. Quality seems to be the rule rather than quantity. The Smith Point Bridge area produced a catch of 12 flounder up to 2½ pounds for the crew aboard 'ID Claire' on Sunday. Locally, a few small flatties being taken from the docks. The only blackfish Dennis saw this week were imported from Orient Point. Jack Johnson stopped by with several tog in the 6 to 8 pound class which he took Sunday on the North Fork. On the freshwater scene, Ozzie Van Helmond connected with a 3.2 pound pickerel in Patchogue's Mill Pond on Sunday.

Dave Canale at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, knew of a few flounder taken south of Heckscher near Buoy 5 on the weekend. A couple of blackfish were reported picked from Kismet Reef including fish of 5 and 6 pounds. Boatmen got in a good inning with bass and blues trolling and jigging in 60 feet of water east of the inlet on Sunday.

At **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, Curt Delano spoke of a few flounder taken by customers at Heckscher on Saturday and Sunday. The fish ranged up to 1¼ pounds. The same anglers accounted for 6 dozen blue claw crabs on Saturday. Blackfishing looks about finished in the bay.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of some pretty decent flounder fishing early in the week prior to the storm. One day saw 200 flatties taken by fares. The skipper said that he is calling it quits for the season and will resume sailing on March 5th. Thanks to all who fished aboard the Laura Lee this season. Neil also asked that we remind readers to keep an eye out for his new video, 'Secrets of the Party Boat Captains', which covers wrecks, electronics and anchoring. For more details, see ad on page 38.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** managed to sail on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday and Saturday each produced 10 or 11 cod with most of the fish falling between the 20 and 30 pound mark. Sunday saw just a few small cod and pollock along with some sea bass taken. George noted that dogfish are being taken but have not been a serious problem and that there are some decent sized cod around.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that the week was a total loss due to the storm. His first sailing was on Friday when 11 fares accounted for 123 blackfish to 7½ pounds on green crabs. The same Fire Island ocean reef that produced Friday's catch saw picky fishing on both Saturday and Sunday. However, Saturday's trip did produce a pair of fine bulldogs. Pat Strouse clicked with a 9.4 pounder while Bruce Tomaselli managed an 8.10 pounder. Strouse totaled 24 blackfish for a two-day stint aboard the boat.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII** had a difficult time locating stripers and blues on Saturday but things settled back into form on Sunday. Fares enjoyed a real good shot at stripers in the morning south of Smith Point Park and then finished up on 'brute' blues south of Davis Park. All action was on diamond jigs 1½ to 2 miles off the beach in 60 feet of water. As a result of the excellent bass and bluefishing and a slow start to the cod action, the boat will stay on the striper and bluefish circuit for at least another week.

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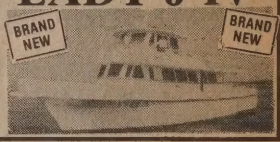

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Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger reported some decent catches of blackfish being made on the Fire Island ocean reef. He noted that bay blackfishing appears to be finished. Joseph Roth weighed a 6.9 pound black taken aboard the **Captree Queen** on the weekend. The docks have been generally slow with just a couple of flounder reportedly picked from the Jones Beach piers.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Fred Austin did have some encouraging news for cod fans. A couple of private boats managed some very fine catches on the weekend. On Saturday, the 'Won Son' returned to the dock with 25 cod while on Sunday, the 'Miss Marion Anne' connected with 20 cod. Al Kaich joined a number of other boatmen south of Davis Park on Sunday and jigged up a bunch of big blues. His largest taken aboard the 'Hunky' was a 15 pounder. Fred has heard nothing on crabs since the storm but he did know that a few flounder continue to be picked by boats running east to the Buoy 30 area south of West Sayville. Average catches seem to be in the neighborhood of a half dozen keepers.

"Things are quieting down fast and the storm didn't help," according to Charlie Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst**. No word on crabs this week but there are some flounder being picked in the East/West Channel off Bergen Point and

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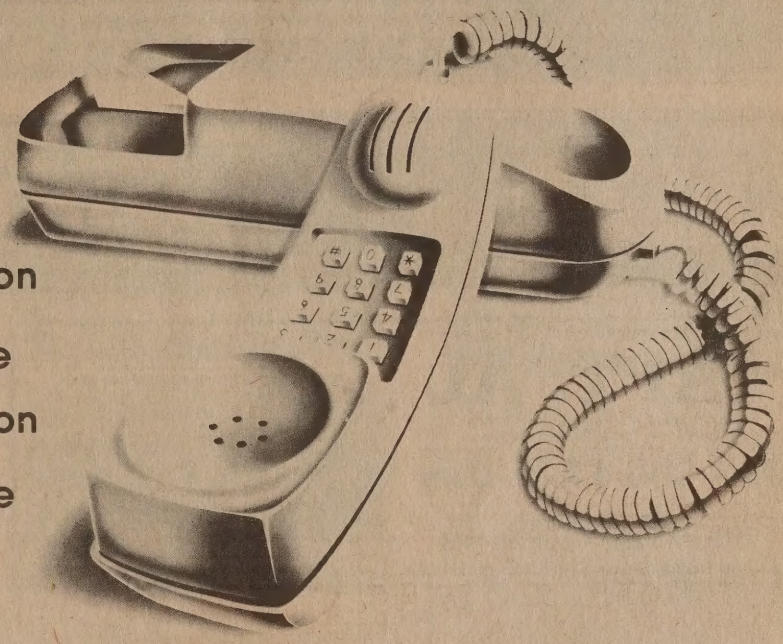

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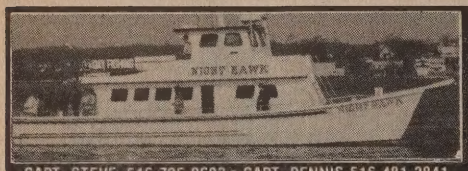

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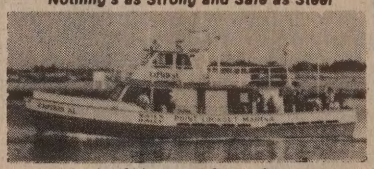

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south of Good Sam. Chum, either mussel or clam is important. Charlie knew too that there were bluefish jigged in good numbers well east of the inlet in 60 feet of water on Sunday.

At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani looked over a private boat catch made on the San Diego on Sunday. Its crew accounted for 20 sea bass, 12 porgies, a bunch of big blues and 3 cod, including a 50 pounder. Flounder fishing improved somewhat with the drop in water temperature but crabs seem to have disappeared. Best bet for flounder remains Squaw Island or Gilgo in the State Channel. No white perch news in the local creeks as of yet.

Bob Rose at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** called the flounder fishing slow with some flatties being taken in the State Channel at Gilgo and at Squaw Island. Blackfishing in the bay seems to be a thing of the past. One customer spent a good part of Sunday anchored around the western bridges and couldn't even lose a bait. Bob did have one of the few positive crab reports noting that one local managed some blue claws in the Sore Thumb Pocket since the storm. Bluefish and dogfish taking baits at Cholera on the weekend and an occasional big bass reportedly being trolled on large single tubes west of Jones Inlet near Lido.

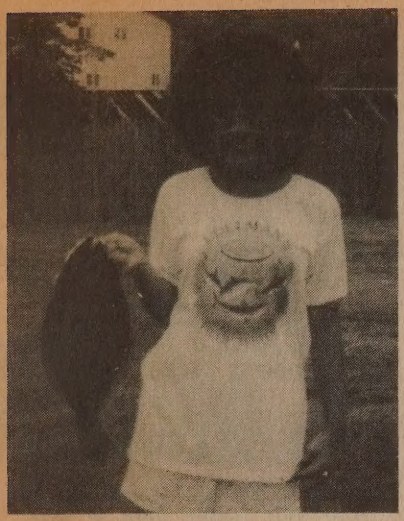
West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

Blues and blacks head up the action this week with both species being of the larger specimens for the most part, with blues hitting the 19 and 20 lb. mark regularly and blackfish mostly bruiser size. Flounder fishing probably due to high water temperatures continues to be from a pick to fair, at best. Cod are being taken on offshore wrecks along with pollock and hake. Dogfish are a sometimes yes, sometimes no thing. Striped bass inside has taken a slide. We have not received any offshore news as of this report.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Lee at **Causeway Tackle in Wantagh** rated the flattie action poor/fair, with the best on incoming water and bloodworms, fish running up to 1¼ lbs. Blackfish seem to be fading in the bay, with action still strong on inshore wrecks. Six to fourteen pound blues being trolled on umbrellas and small Vike jigs in 15 to 30 feet of water west of Jones with an occasional striper or weakfish mixed in. Plenty of dogs offshore, and no cod reports from customers yet, said Lee.

Speaking for the other side of the cod picture, out of Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** on Saturday had 12 cod and 13 pollock, along with 30 hake to 30 lbs. plus a mixture of sea bass, blues and big ling. Sunday saw plenty of action on big fish with roughly 60 cod up to 40 lbs. and roughly another 60 pollock averaging 25 to 40 lbs. John Stefkin of Freeport bagged a 38 lb. pollock, John Battos of Jamaica hoisted a 40 lb. pollock. Along with this was a



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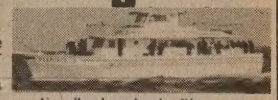
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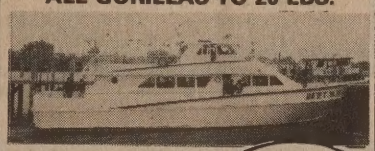
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Word from the **Lady J Fleet** is of decent flounder action Saturday with catches best in the deeps of Reynolds channel to the west of Freeport. Fish ran 3/4 to 1½ lbs. on worm and clam. Blackfishing was decent at 17 Fathoms with fish up to 6 lbs. No bonanza, but in two hours of the bite, fares averaged 11 to 12 nice blackfish per man, on green crab. Trips this week were sailed for Band Box Pub of North Bellmore and Forest Park Inn Fishing Club.

We learned from **Sea Isle Sports** of the hot blackfishing at 17 Fathoms and the Subway Rocks with a by-catch of sea bass and a few cod. Blacks also at the bridges and small inshore wrecks. Bluefish all over the place outside, with no let up. Still some night bass chumming at the local bridges, but better catches on live bunker if you can still snag some.

Over in **Point Lookout** skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** said he's very happy with the present codfishing for this time of the year, that catches are very well filled out and things look very encouraging. With Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weathered out, the next three days saw nice cod catches. Friday fish ran from 3 to 30 lbs. The number of fish caught Saturday was better by about 10 percent and better again Sunday by 20 percent. There's anywhere from 1 to 20 cod per drop, fish mixed, along with 2 to 4 lb. sea bass, some blues to 8 lbs. and an odd pollock.

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** told of Sunday's trip for the Double T Fishing Club which had an excellent blackfish catch at buoy 4 on tog to 6½ lbs. Steve Carney was high hook with 31 fish. Runner up was Phil Delaney with 21. Catches averaged 10 to 20 blacks a man, fish averaging 4 to 5 lbs.

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On the **Miss Point Lookout** this week a small crowd on Monday's special blackfish trip had over 150 blackfish to 5 lbs., plus a few sea bass and porgies. Casey and Pat had 24 and Steve Theobold of Oceanside bagged 14. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were weathered out. Friday a few flounder were picked. Rita Bonner of Bayside had a 2 lb. pool winner plus 5 others. Some fish were taken on each trip. The weekend's floundering was slow on the AM tides, but good on the afternoon trips. Sunday's PM trip saw 16 flatties for Art Baker and 14 for Alex Hazeltin. The boat will continue their special Monday blackfishing trips until further notice.

We learn from **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** of fair floundering throughout Reynolds, with Charlie recommending going up about 100 feet into the feeder creeks of Reynolds, anchoring and heavily chumming on incoming tide for the best flounder catches. Blackfishing has slowed a bit at the local bridges, said the tackle dealer and the offshore blackfishing should continue to be very good for another month and a half.

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NEW YORK BIGHT

At **Skippy's Tackle in East Rockaway**, the boss man said floundering has been on slow side, but sizes made up for it. The buoy 5 area of Reynolds has been best he said, three hours all around the high on worms. Excellent blackfishing at 17 Fathoms on green crab and a few cod have been taken on a clam baited high hook by those blackfishing. Skip weighed in a 9 lb. 14 oz. blackfish boated at 17 Fathoms by Artie Heorning.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay the **Betty W IV** which is now bluefishing Saturdays and Sundays only says that Sunday's bluefishing was the best of the year, absolutely no doubt about it. The Farms produced alligator blues up to 20 lbs. on diamond jigs from start to finish. Super and great were the only words to describe the fishing we were told. If you want to battle the big ones, now's the time.

This was echoed by Captain Walt Weigand of the **Flamingo III**, that the bluefishing Sunday was super fabulous on jigs and customers had their arms stretched at least a foot. Blues are all giants. Please note that the boat is now fishing blacks and whiting 6:30AM Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** tells of slammer blues day and night. These are giants to 20 lbs. being caught at Farms, 17 and Seabright. Good blacks and sea bass at 17 also, said the wee one, as he also noted an improvement in the Jamaica Bay flounder action. Some stripers and blues off the Rockaway jetties on plugs and bait and tins. He also advised that the store just got in a big shipment of Lamiglas blanks for those

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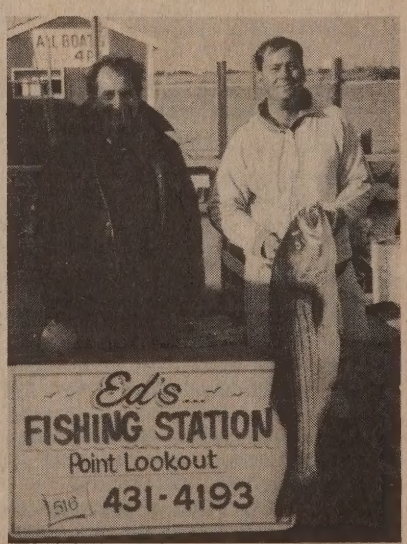

Michael Wengren trolled this 36 lb. striper on a bunker spoon near the J-2 buoy outside of Jones Inlet. Photo courtesy of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

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North Shore REPORT with Marty Garrell

As the season wound down it was harder to get fishing reports last weekend. Boats that continued to sail were producing fair to excellent catches of tautog and bass fishing for catch and release continued to be very good.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in New Rochelle was off on a hunting trip, as were numerous proprietors and skippers. Of course, this is no coincidence with the season on white tailed deer opening last Monday in the southern zone. **Jack's Bait** in New Rochelle called the action on local tautog "unbelievable" off Pea Island and Execution Light. The largest fish are over 7 lbs. with a lot of 3 lbers. in the catches. Flounder fishing has been improving off Rodman's Neck, in Eastchester Bay and in the Orchard Beach Lagoon.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** was down in Mexico for a big fishing tournament but Gary was running the boat and Ms. Pearson gave us a report. Although the tail end of the weekend was a bit tough, the catches off Norwalk have been very good.

Dom Cerbone on the **Apache** out of City Island had a "you shoulda been there!" report for us. It seems that the 70 foot depths off the Norwalk Islands north of 24 C have come alive. Sharpies have 10 fish or so, bulldogs well over 6 lbs., and there are 6 or 7 fish coming aboard the boat at a time on the best drops. Sunday's crowd of 50 enjoyed this super action which should continue for a couple of weeks.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** explained that Charlie Burke found one keeper bass among the 38 fish he caught jigging off the Obstruction Buoy. The best action was on small diamonds like the Ava 17s. Burke also tallied 9 bluefish. There were some flounder in the harbors and the better fishing for tautog after the blow was on the Connecticut side. **Bowman's** in Northport, on the other hand, reported some very good catches of tautog off buoy 11B, often 20 fish per boat, but this may have been before the winter storm that came through at mid-week.

John Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson hasn't definitely decided when to close, but it may be this week. He suggested the Middle Grounds now for tautog and reported a lot of bluefish trolled and jigged off Buoy 11. The bass are virtually all in the 18 to 24 inch range. Flounder fishing really hasn't begun to roll yet.

Rocky Point Fishing Stop reported that most of the tautog left on the Shoreham pipeline are small and that flounder have only started in the harbors. Another spot worth the trip for tautog is the Stratford Shoal.

Before departing for a weekend of grouse hunting and a week of deer hunting, Bob Storc had a good trip with Joe and Jerry Russo on the **Caprice** off Eaton's. There were plenty of bass along with blues to 5 lbs., and the group finished the day with 18 tautog to 6 lbs. Although Sunday "just didn't pan out at all," John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** had some four dozen bass to 10 lbs. for Tom Fletcher's party on Saturday, along with enough 3 yo 6 lb. tautog to fill their coolers.

Roy Cash on the **Port Jeff Ace** had fishing days that varied from "very good" to "outstanding" before and after the blow while fishing drops of 50, 60 and 120 feet off the Middle Grounds. Fisherman of the Week, Dave Roy, had 18 tautog and 12 tautog in two days of fishing, Monday and Friday. Sunday's crowd of 20 fares had up to 20 tog per sharpie, but all anglers had a couple of fish (or more!). Pool winners have been fish to 10 lbs.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** was still reporting 8 to 10

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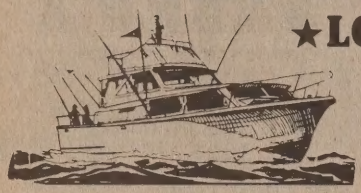

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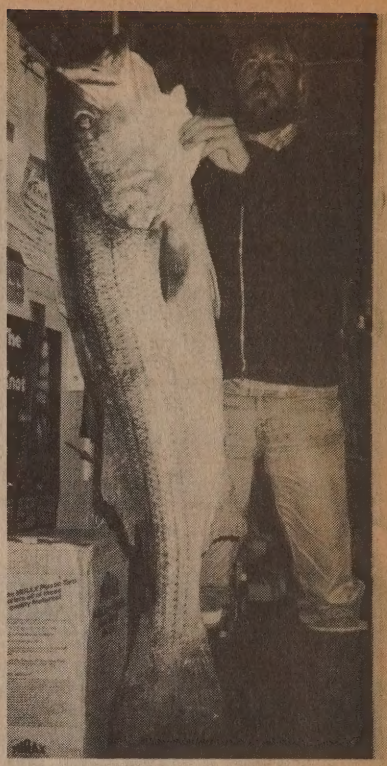


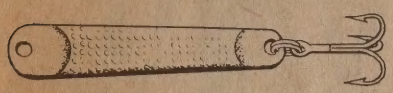
Jimmy Paulsen used a red and white Bomber to dupe this 52 lb. cow. The huge striper was taken at Moriches Inlet back on 10-12. It was weighed at Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

pound bluefish taken from the beaches on chunk bait. It was very hard to get reports from private craft working the Sound around Mattituck Inlet. Ace Cottral at **Pleasures of the Sea** told up that the **Fish Tales** had now found Southold Bay to be pretty much devoid of bluefish but that the Plum Gut area was still stacked. However, the fish were now more reluctant to jump on jigs, so bait may be a better choice. The **Nancy Ann** had good catches of tautog off Gull Island; John Sinning will be at the helm this week with Richie Jensen off deer hunting. A number of nice flounder, some in the 2 pound class, have been in catches around Orient Point.

Although Ruth White could not be reached at the **AP White Bait Shop** at mid-day on Sunday, we received a full report from the **Greenport** party boats, **Brand X** and **Peconic Star**. Both will be sailing through November 29 at least. Following the traditional party on that date, Brennan suggests that interested groups can still make some late season trips. They must call ahead to reserve these charters. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** has been finding fish spread from 50 to 130 feet with pool winners in the 10 pound class. An average catch of 9 to 10 tautog per fare is possible and the water temperature is still 51.8 degrees Fahrenheigt. Dave Brennan on the Peconic Star has been covering a

wide area, some 50 miles across, fishing all the way from Clinton, CT, to the Cerebrus Shoal and Fisher's Island. Crowds of boats made Saturday difficult and Sunday's fishing was a struggle until the boat found some fish off New London.

Larry Ciccotto on the **Prime Time III** has been watching some very big tautog tear up tackle. In fact a couple of pool winners came over the rails with broken snells attached. In Saturday's northwesterlies, numbers were poor, but Sunday's catch was better. Pool winners weighing 10 pounds are common, and Mark Perez of Queens took Sunday's pool with a bulldog weighing just over 12 pounds.



Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

There is an old axiom that has been floating around the beaches since long before I ever wet a line in the suds. It goes something like "snow on the water—fishing is over" and it's author was right on target if last week's freak storm was any indication. Prior to Wednesday's snow, sleet, cold and wind, the picture looked bright for one of the best November surf runs in some time. But the storm's severity at this stage of the season, brought action to an abrupt halt. The key to the sudden demise in surf action may very well lie in the report that water temperatures along the beach on Saturday and Sunday registered no more than 49 degrees according to Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII**. On a more positive note, plenty of fish remained to our east as Montauk boats enjoyed excellent striper fishing and also had plenty of blues on the weekend. Along the South Shore, lots of blues and stripers were located on Sunday in 60 feet of water, 1½ to 2 miles south of the beach. While the number of fish reported taken on the beach since the storm along the entire South Shore can be counted on your fingers, lots of sandeels and bunker were reported along the beach. Its not inconceivable that we may still get a shot of fish before calling it a season. In reality though "it don't look good."

Out at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch did not have a bass or blue to report since Wednesday's storm. He did note however that the boats were still into solid bass and bluefish at the Point on the

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Barry with 37¾ lb. striper taken in the west end surf on a Red Gill Teaser. The fish was weighed at Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook.

weekend and is still holding out hope for more surf action. The only weigh-ins at the shop dated back to earlier in the week prior to the storm. One regular connected with a 40 pound striper in the North Bar area while John Skidmore drilled a 34¾ pounder from Shagwong.

To add further substance to the storm's effect on water temperatures along the beach, a small item in *Newsday* revealed that on Thursday following the storm, a pair of sea turtles were found washed up along South Fork beaches suffering from shock due to a sudden drop in water temperature.

East End Surf Club member Glen Just couldn't get over the difference a day can make. On Tuesday, the surf east of Shinnecock Inlet was red hot with a mixture of big blues and stripers into the teens. A few bigger bass were mixed in as well. Glen managed a 32 pound striper on a tin while fellow club member Steve Kellner used a yellow Super Strike Needlefish to take stripers of 39 and 23 pounds. Glen reported he has not seen a striper since the storm despite putting in lots of beach time right through the weekend.

Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Dennis Scognamillo had some rare news to report. It concerned some fish taken since the storm. Early Sunday morning at Long Cove produced an 18 pound striper for James Duffy. Along the same stretch of FINS, John Rossi connected with 4 school bass to 31 inches. This was also Sunday morning. Both anglers used tins and droppers. Dennis noted that prior to these fish, the surf had been all but dead. Ozzie Van Helmond was fresh from the beach at Smith Point and FINS as we spoke Monday morning and he reported things were very quiet near the FINS entrance and in front of Smith Point.

The only bluefish report since the storm concerned choppers of 8 and 9 pounds taken on bunker at Robert Moses Parking Field 3. According to Curt Delano of **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, the fish were taken Saturday afternoon by Ray Crawford.

Mike Andreani at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** knew of three stripers to 10 pounds taken Sunday by Nick Konon. Nick fished the Smith Point surf and took all three fish on tin. Locally, the story has been lots of bait, no fish, since the storm. Lots of blues and a number of big stripers were being taken through Tuesday.

The only substantial striper taken since the storm that I'm aware of was Phil Holowinski's 39 pound cow taken at Cedar Beach Thursday afternoon. The big bass swallowed a live bunker. The Cedar Bar was alive with big blues on Tuesday prior to the storm but has been barren since then.

High Hill Striper Club PR man Felix Cariello had a couple of pre-storm stripers to report for fellow club member William Miller, Jr. William connected with a 16 pound striper on an eel last Sunday night and returned on Monday night to put away a 27 pounder. Both were taken on live eels at Robert Moses. Felix noted that club members have gone fishless since the storm.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Cape Cod Lighthouse, SE of . . . +0 12 is listed under "On BOSTON." +0 12 means you add 12 minutes from the times given for the BOSTON STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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FRIDAY	9:55	10:30	9:55	10:35	8:00	8:30	9:50	10:20	6:30	6:55	11/20
SATURDAY	10:35	11:15	10:45	11:30	8:35	9:15	10:35	11:05	7:15	7:40	11/21
SUNDAY	11:20	—	11:35	—	9:20	10:00	11:20	11:55	8:05	8:25	11/22
MONDAY	12:05	12:10	1:15	1:25	10:10	10:50	—	12:05	8:50	9:15	11/23
TUESDAY	12:50	12:55	2:10	2:25	11:00	11:45	12:45	1:00	9:40	10:10	11/24
WEDNESDAY	1:45	1:55	3:10	3:25	—	12:00	1:40	1:55	10:35	11:10	11/25
THURSDAY	2:40	2:50	4:10	4:35	12:50	1:00	2:40	3:00	11:35	—	11/26

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Sheep Island	+0 09
Weymouth Fore River Bridge	+0 09
Weymouth Back River Bridge	+0 08
Crow Point, Hingham Hbr. ent.	+0 02
Hull	+0 05
Cohasset Harbor (White Head)	+0 04
Scituate	−0 03
Damons Point, North River	+0 20
Gurnet Point	+0 04
Plymouth	+0 07
Cape Cod Canal, east ent.	+0 01
Barnstable Harbor, Beach Pt	+0 11
Wellfleet	+0 14
Provincetown	+0 16
Race Point	−0 01
Cape Cod Lighthouse, SE of	+0 12
Nauset Harbor	+0 32
Chatham (outer coast)	+0 32
Chatham (inside)	+1 56
Pleasant Bay	+2 28
Monomoy Point	+0 42
Georges Shoal	−0 47
Davis Bank, Nantucket Shoals	+0 06
Stage Harbor	+0 57
Wychmere Harbor	+0 52
Dennis Port	+1 03
South Yarmouth, Bass River	+1 48
Hyannis Port	+1 03
Cotuit Highlands	+1 17
Poponesset Island/Bay	+2 03
Succonnesset Point	+0 54
Falmouth Heights	−0 16
Tom Nevers Head	−0 55
Siasconset	+0 17
Wauwinet (outer shore)	+1 08
Great Point	+0 43
Nantucket	+1 07
Eel Point	+0 39
Tuckernuck Is., East Pond	+0 48
Muskeget Island, north side	+0 25
Smith Point, north side	+0 48
Gloucester	−0 01
Manchester Harbor	0 00
Salem	+0 04
Marblehead	0 00
Nahant	+0 01
Lynn Harbor	+0 10
Boston Light	+0 02
Lovell Island, The Narrows	+0 04
Deer Island (south end)	+0 01
Belle Isle Inlet entrance	+0 20
Castle Island	0 00
Dover Street Bridge	+0 06
Charlestown Bridge	+0 04
Charlestown	0 00
Neponset, Neponset River	−0 02
Moon Head	+0 01
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Cold Spring Harbor	+0 07
Eatons Neck Point	+0 02
Lloyd Hbr. ent., Huntington Bay	+0 02
Northport Bay	+0 02
Nissequogue River entrance	−0 04
Smithtown Bay	+0 07
Stratford Shoal	−0 06
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 02
Setauket Harbor	+0 03
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 04
Herod Point	−0 08
Mattituck Inlet	+0 04
Horton Point	−0 21
Truman Beach	−0 43
Falkner Island	−0 14
Sachem Head	−0 11
Branford Harbor	−0 08
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 09
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Newburyport, Merrimack R.	+0 31
Plum Island Sound, south end	+0 12
Annisquam	0 00
Rockport	+0 04

On Newport

Wasque Point	+2 02
Off Chilmark Pond	−0 16
Squibnocket Point	−0 45
Nomans Land	−0 19
Gay Head	−0 06
Menemsha Bight	+0 02
Off Lake Tashmoo	+1 08
Little Harbor	+0 32
Oceanographic Institute	+0 24
Uncatena Island (south side)	+0 12
Tarpaulin Cove	+0 11
Quicks Hole, south side	−0 10
Quicks Hole, middle	0 00
Quicks Hole, north side	−0 08
Cuttyhunk Pond entrance	+0 01
Penikese Island	−0 17
West Falmouth Harbor	+0 21
Monument Beach	+0 23
Cape Cod Canal RR Bridge	+1 15
Bird Island	+0 05
Marion	+0 09
West Island (west side)	+0 09
Clarks Point	+0 03
New Bedford	+0 07
Westport Harbor	+0 09
Hix Bridge, East Branch	+1 40
Sakonnet	−1 13
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 18
Beavertail Point	−0 05
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+0 07
Bristol Point	+0 18
Fall River, Mass	+0 28
Tauton, Tauton River	+1 06
Bristol	+0 07
Warren	+0 18
Nayatt Point	+0 09
Providence	+0 11
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 18
East Greenwich	+0 13
Wickford	+0 09
Narragansett Pier	−0 11
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 10
Block Island (Great Salt Pond)	+0 02
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 17
Watch Hill Point	+0 41

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/19	6:54	4:36
FRI. 11/20	6:55	4:35
SAT. 11/21	6:56	4:35
SUN. 11/22	6:58	4:34
MON. 11/23	6:59	4:33
TUE. 11/24	7:00	4:32
WED. 11/25	7:01	4:32

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/19	4:55AM	3:20PM
FRI. 11/20	6:10AM	3:50PM
SAT. 11/21	7:25AM	4:30PM
SUN. 11/22	8:40AM	5:20PM
MON. 11/23	9:45AM	6:25PM
TUE. 11/24	10:45AM	7:40PM
WED. 11/25	11:30AM	8:55PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
11/21	11/28	12/5	12/13

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	2:40	**8:45**	2:55	**9:10**
Fri.	3:25	**9:30**	3:40	**10:00**
Sat.	4:15	**10:25**	4:35	**10:55**
Sun.	5:10	**11:30**	5:40	—
Mon.	6:15	**12:05**	6:50	**12:35**
Tues.	7:25	**1:15**	8:00	**1:45**
Wed.	8:30	**2:20**	9:05	**2:50**
Thurs.	9:35	**3:25**	10:05	**3:50**

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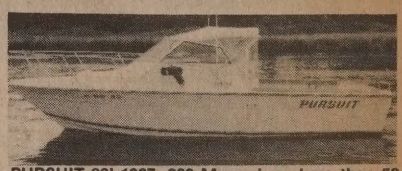

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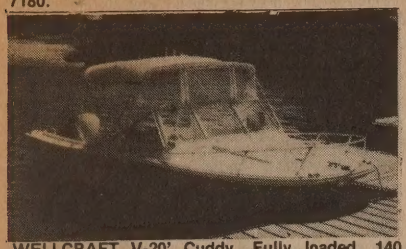

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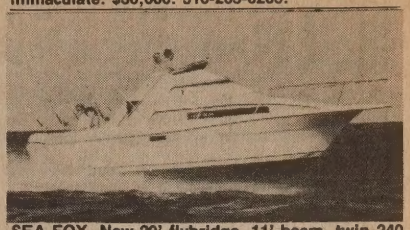

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1974 Grady White Sportsman 19' 1", 1975 85 hp Johnson-$4750

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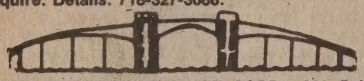
1987 23' Pro Line W/A cuddy, 225 hp Yamaha w/9.9 Yamaha kicker, custom hardtop, pulpit, hyd. steering, outriggers, livewell/washdown, color video, Loran, VHF, stereo, etc. Must sell. Inquire. Details: 718-327-3088.



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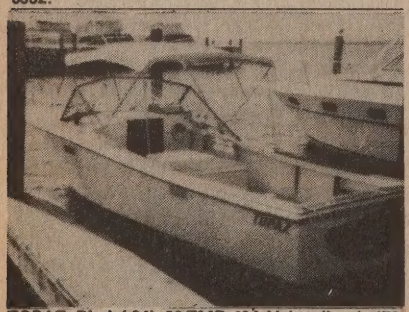

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65' Steel Head/Charter GM's

46' 1971 Chris Aquahome, Gas

42' 1979 Chris T/F GM 8/71 TI

225 hp Johnson 87/88 Zero hrs.

40' 1982 Egg Tournament 6/71 TIs

37' 1981 Stapleton Canyon GMs

37' 1979 Glass Lob/Work 6/71

36' 1984 Runaway, Volvos

29' 1972 Dyer, 277 Seamaster

30' 1979 Sisu, Volvo dsl.

58' Self Propelled Barge, 6-71's

46' Pound Boat, 6-71

60' 1976 Epoxy Head/Charter 6-71's

30' 1974 Columbia Tower, Perkins

30' 1969 Morgan Sail

30' 1985 Downeast Fisherman Detroit dsl.

KARP MARINE, 516-581-3308.

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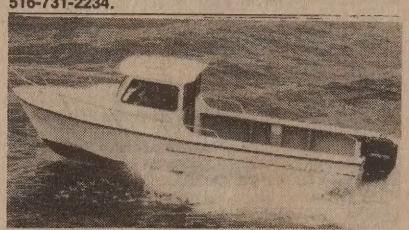

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31' '83 Tiara. Loaded

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26' 1984 Sea Ray. Low hrs.

25' 1982 Whaler Outrage, twin '85 150s

25' '71 Bertram SF, '82 repower

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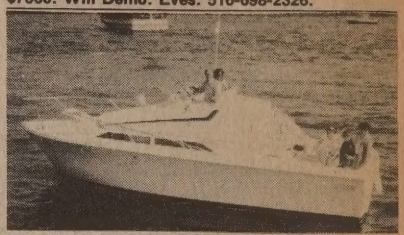

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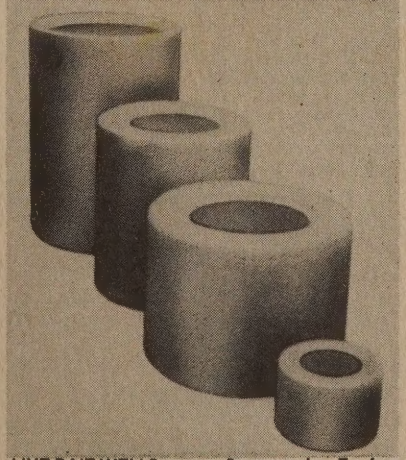

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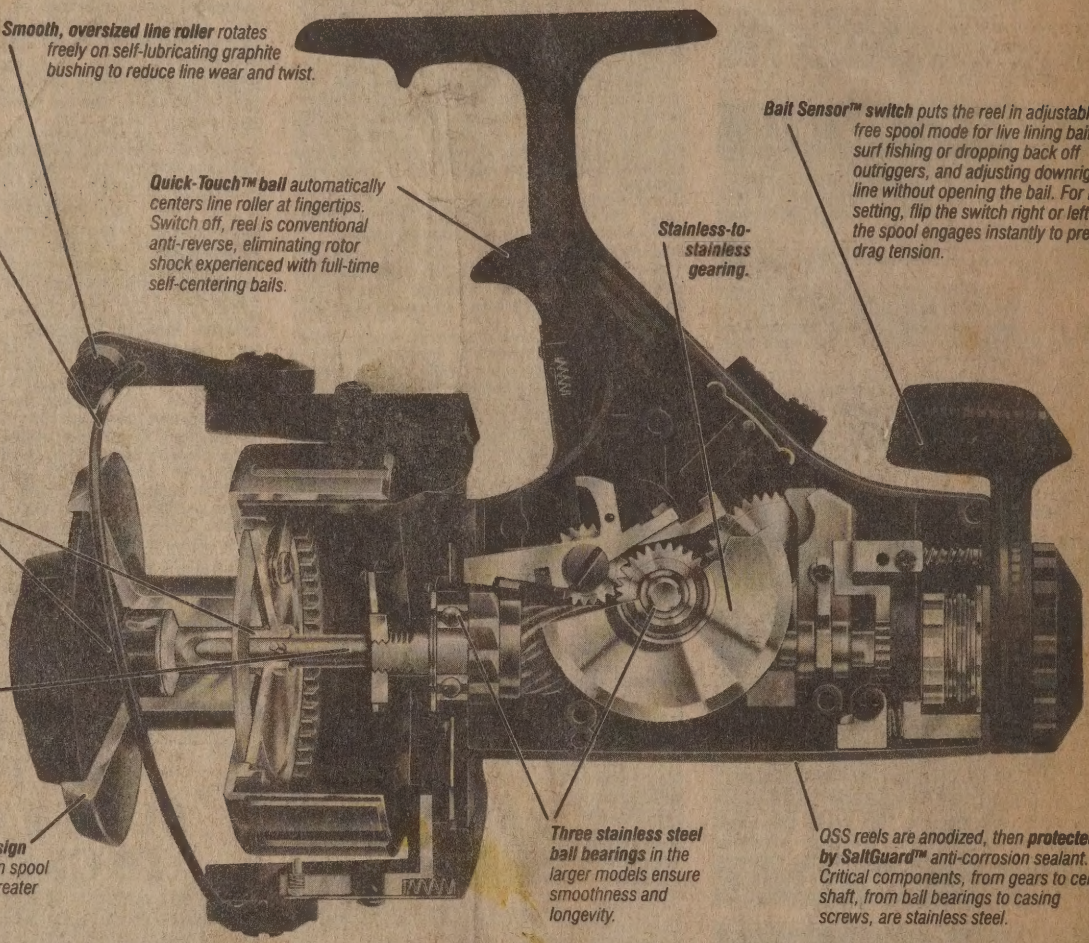

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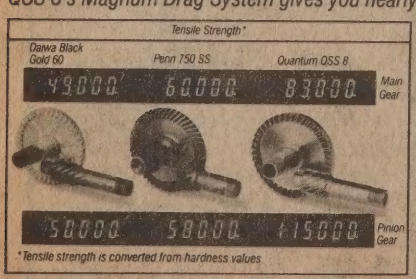

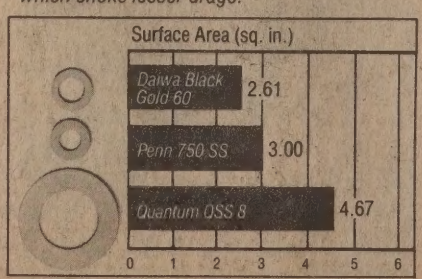

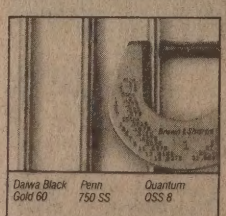

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